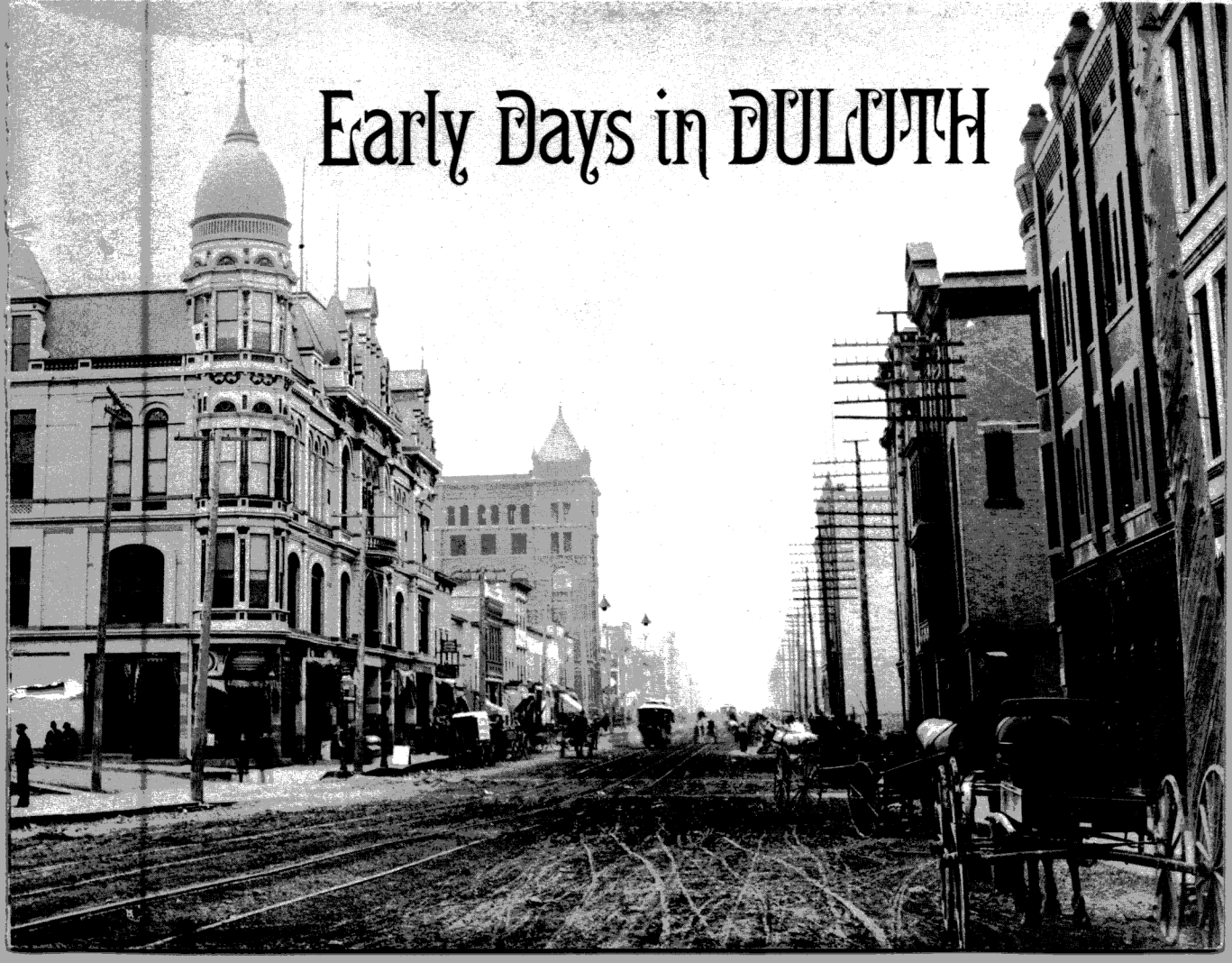
# Early Days in DULUTH



## FORWARD

There once was a time when everyday activity was not so hurried. For many, those were "the good old days." Old timers and children still cheer to the get-rich-quick, hard and even pleasant tales of rugged men and events, where only a mile separated civilization from wilderness.

However, "Early Days of Duluth" is more than a tale. It is a visual reminder that the past is artifacts and memories made more sharp through the camera's eye. And it is a visual aid to stir the imagination about what the world was like from Duluth's earliest days into the turn of the century.

The publishers of this book thank the St. Louis County Historical Society and its cooperative staff for providing photographs of this pioneer land by its pioneer photographers.

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*The city, the scenery, the people, the changes . . . as remembered in historical photographs.*

*Pictures from the St. Louis County Historical Society, The Duluth Public Library and the publisher's files.*

**COVER PICTURE:**

Superior Street looking east from 4th Avenue West. The Grand Opera House (built in 1883, burned in 1889) is to the left and the then newly completed First National Bank Building is at the corner of 3rd Avenue West.

**AT LEFT:**

Minnesota Point as seen from Lake Avenue and Third Street — 1870.

**BACK COVER PICTURE:**

Schooners, passenger boats and tug at Elevator A.

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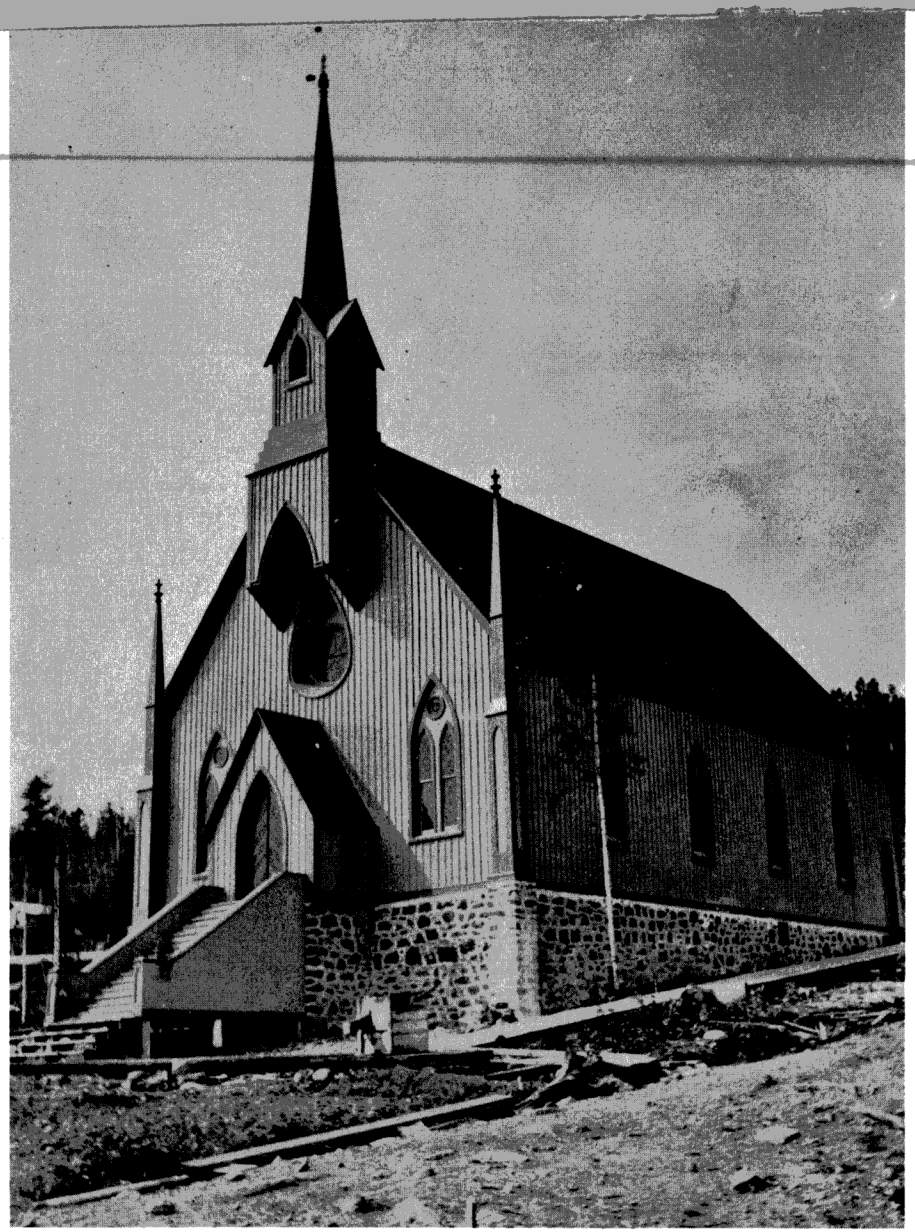
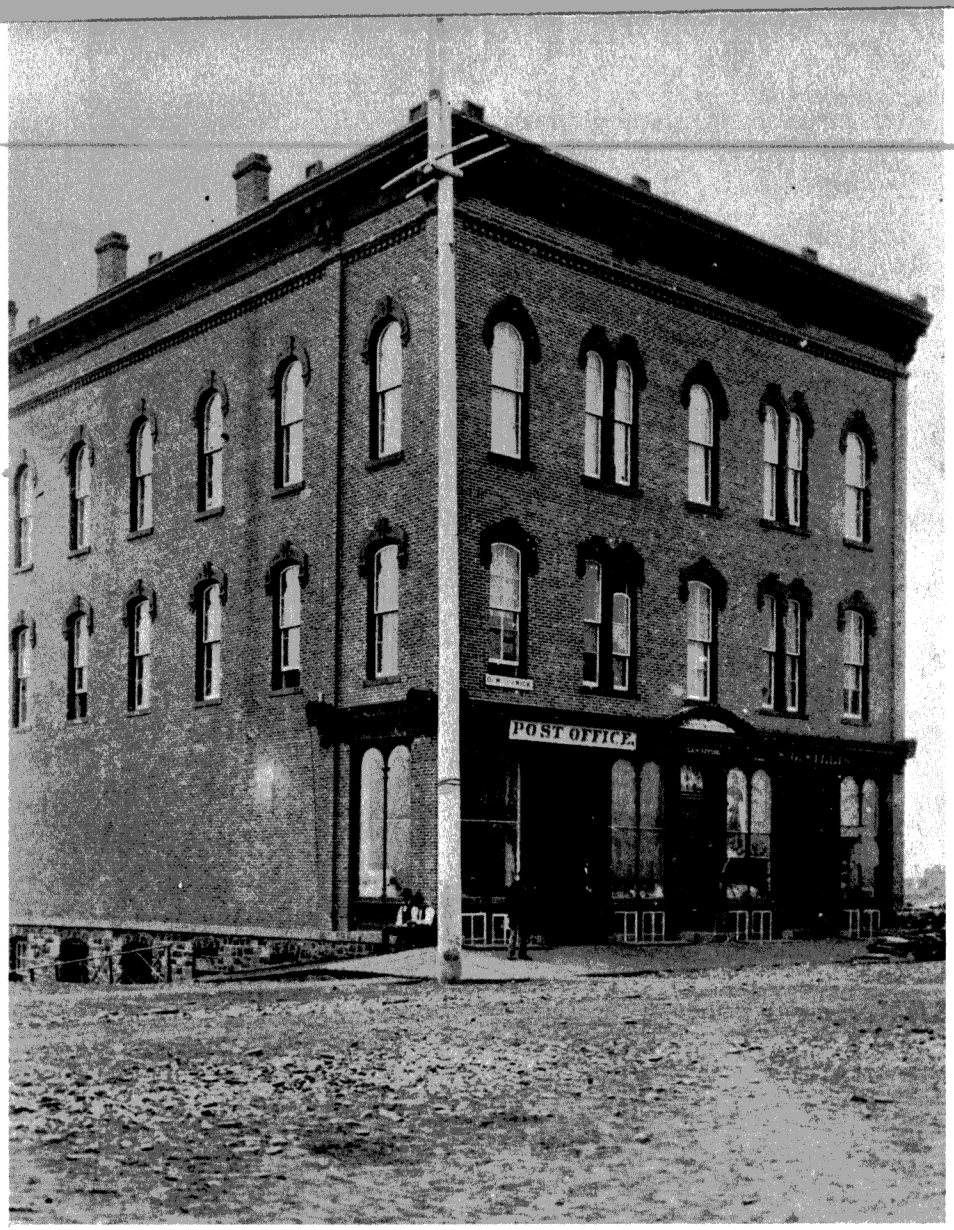
1870—Looking south from 2nd street and 1st Avenue East

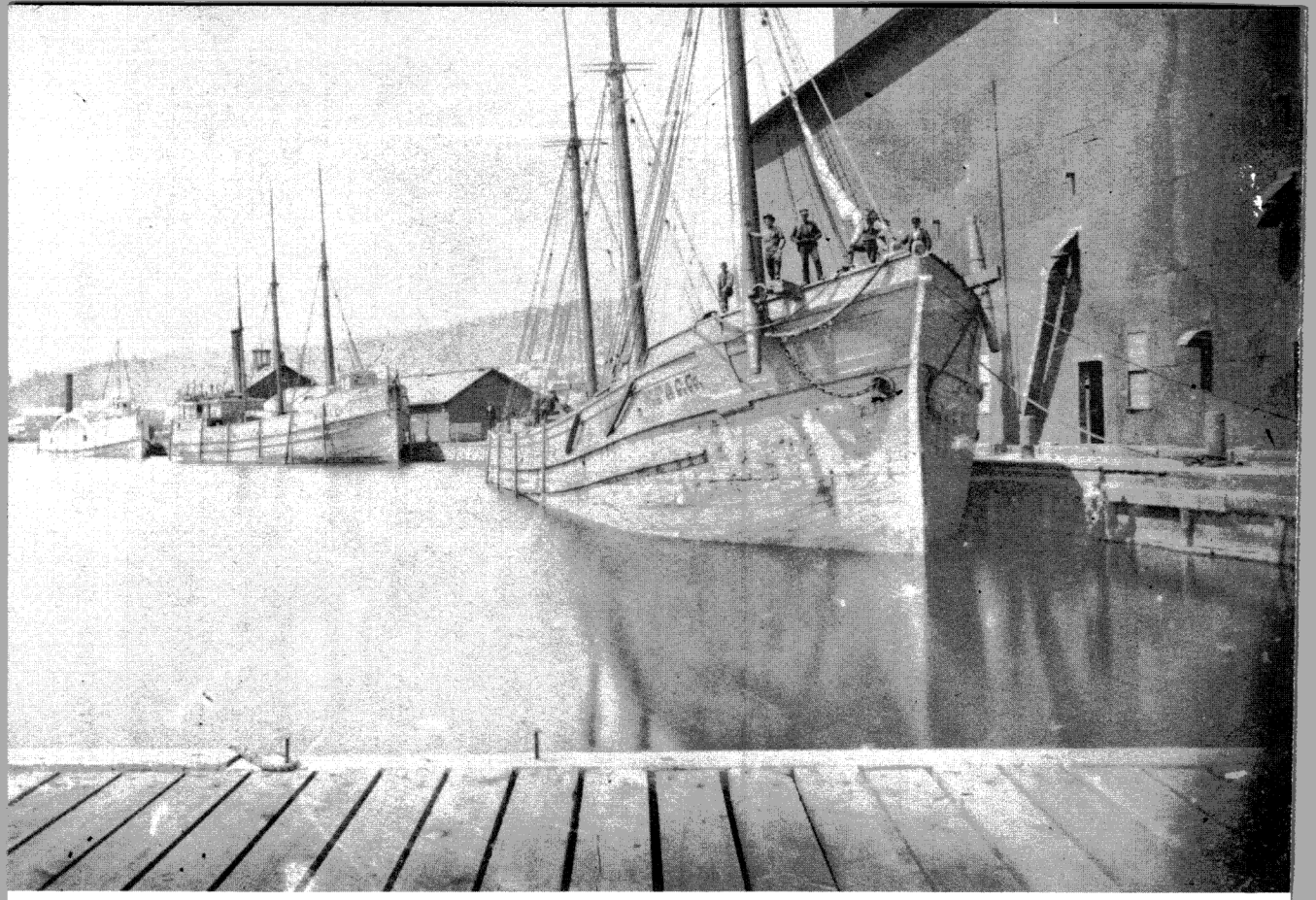


1870—First Methodist Church. 3rd Avenue West and 2nd Street on the Northwest corner.

1870's—A game of croquet on Minnesota Point




1870's–Hayes Block. 30 East Superior Street

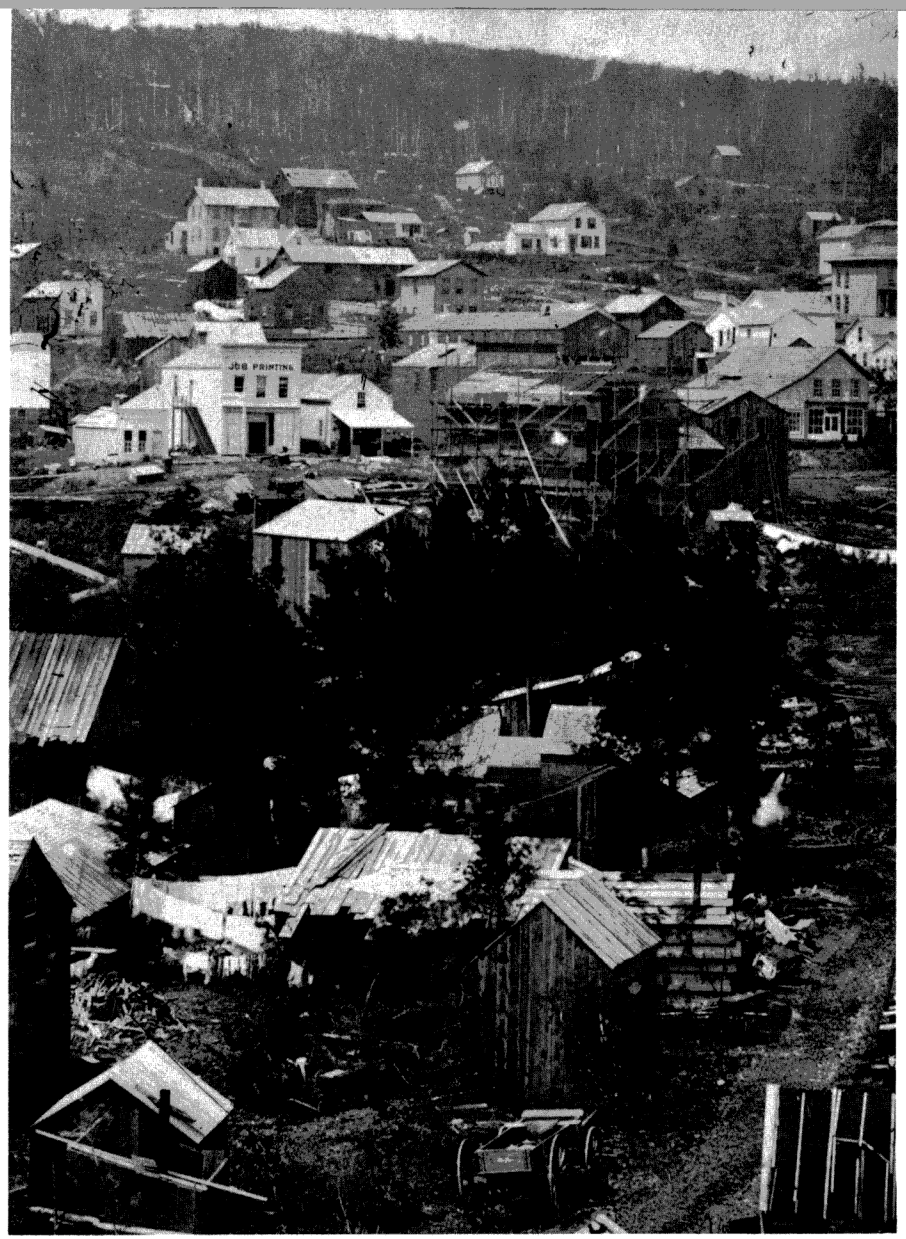


1870–Sailing Vessel loading at Elevator A about 4th Avenue East

1870—Butcher Shop decorated for the Holidays

1869—Superior Street on a winter day

Fargusson Building, 402 W. Superior Street

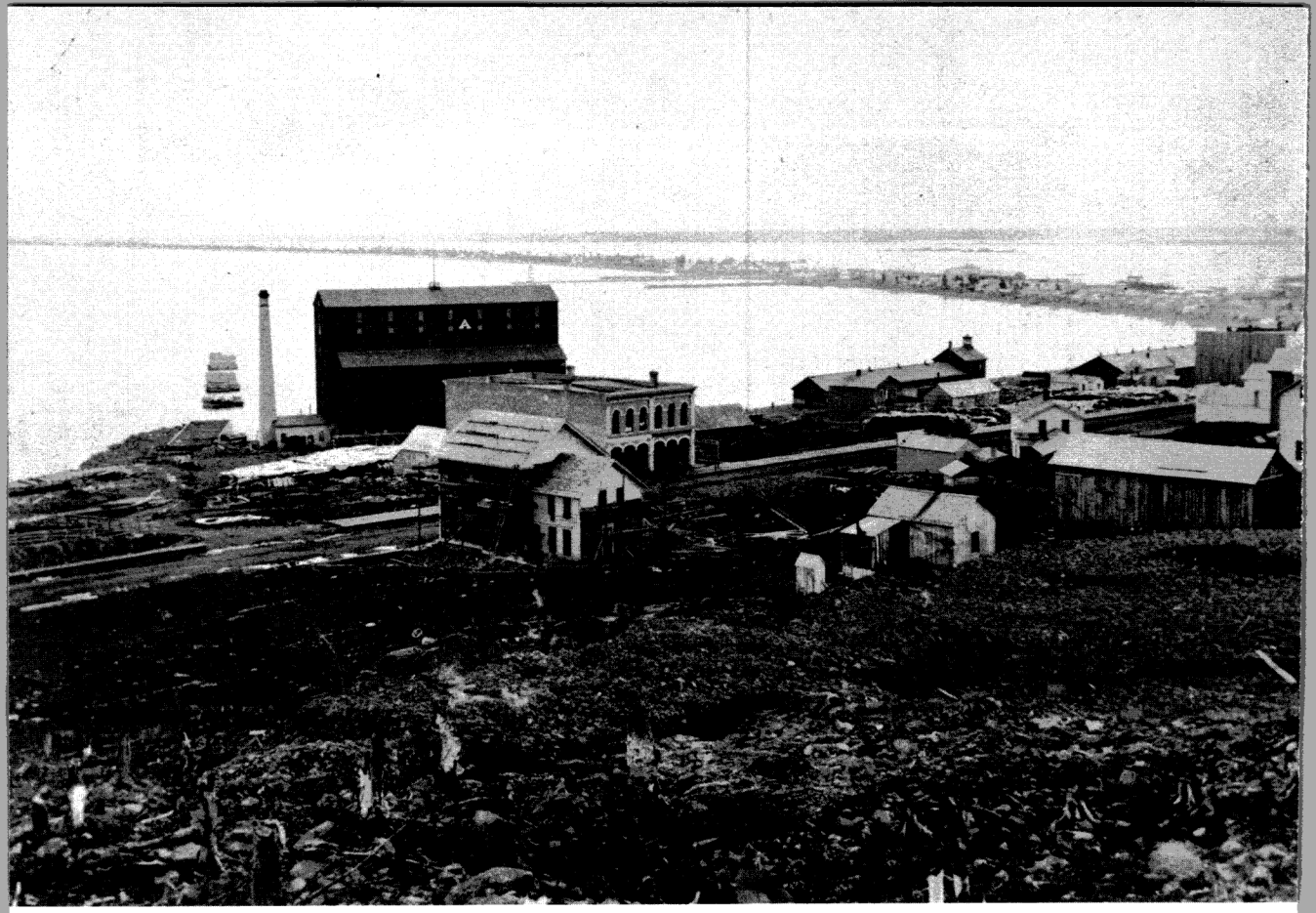



1870—"No Man's Land" on South First Avenue East

1870–Lower side of Superior Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues West

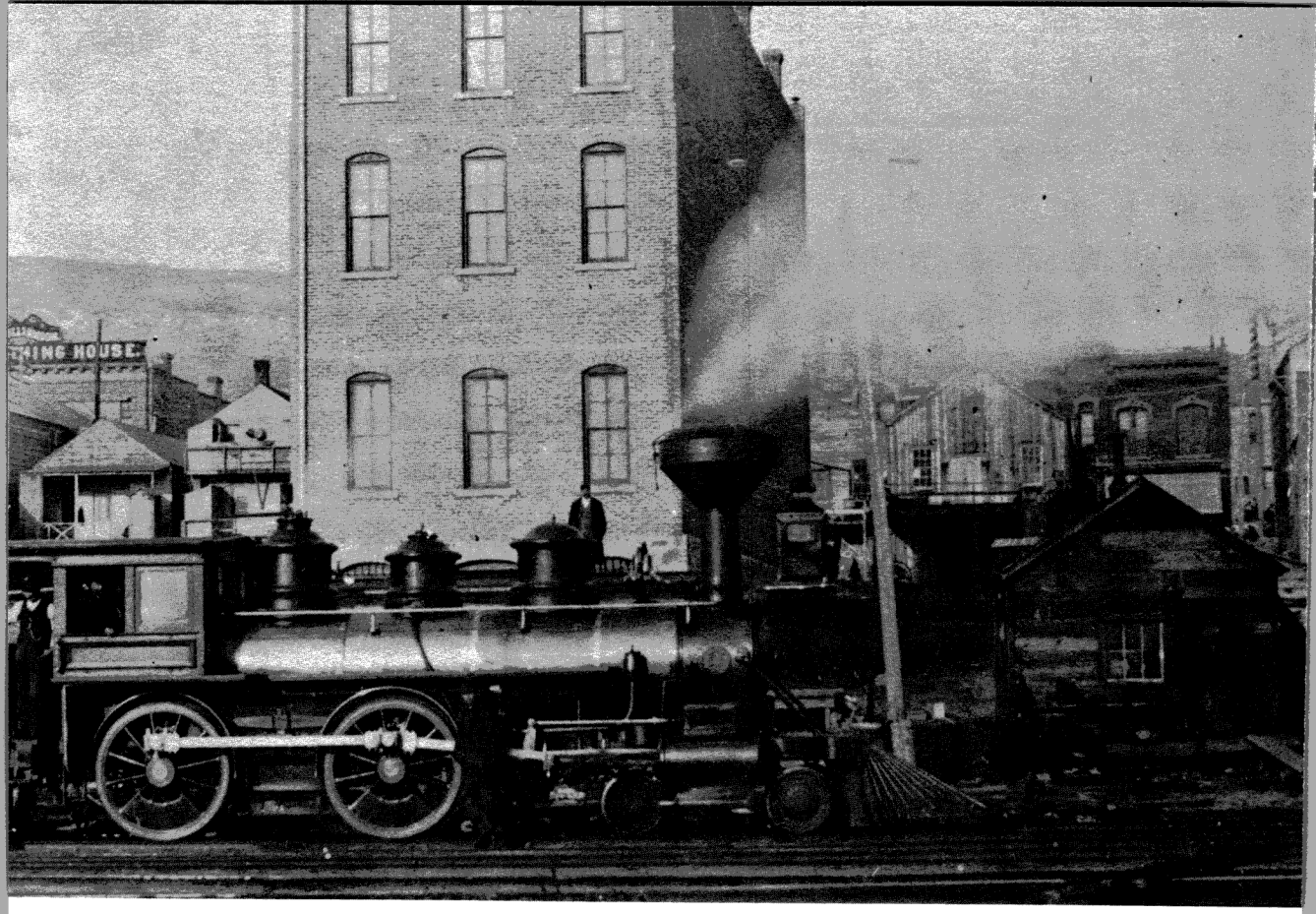
1870—Camping on Minnesota Point

1870—Winter Work. Delivering water on a frosty morning

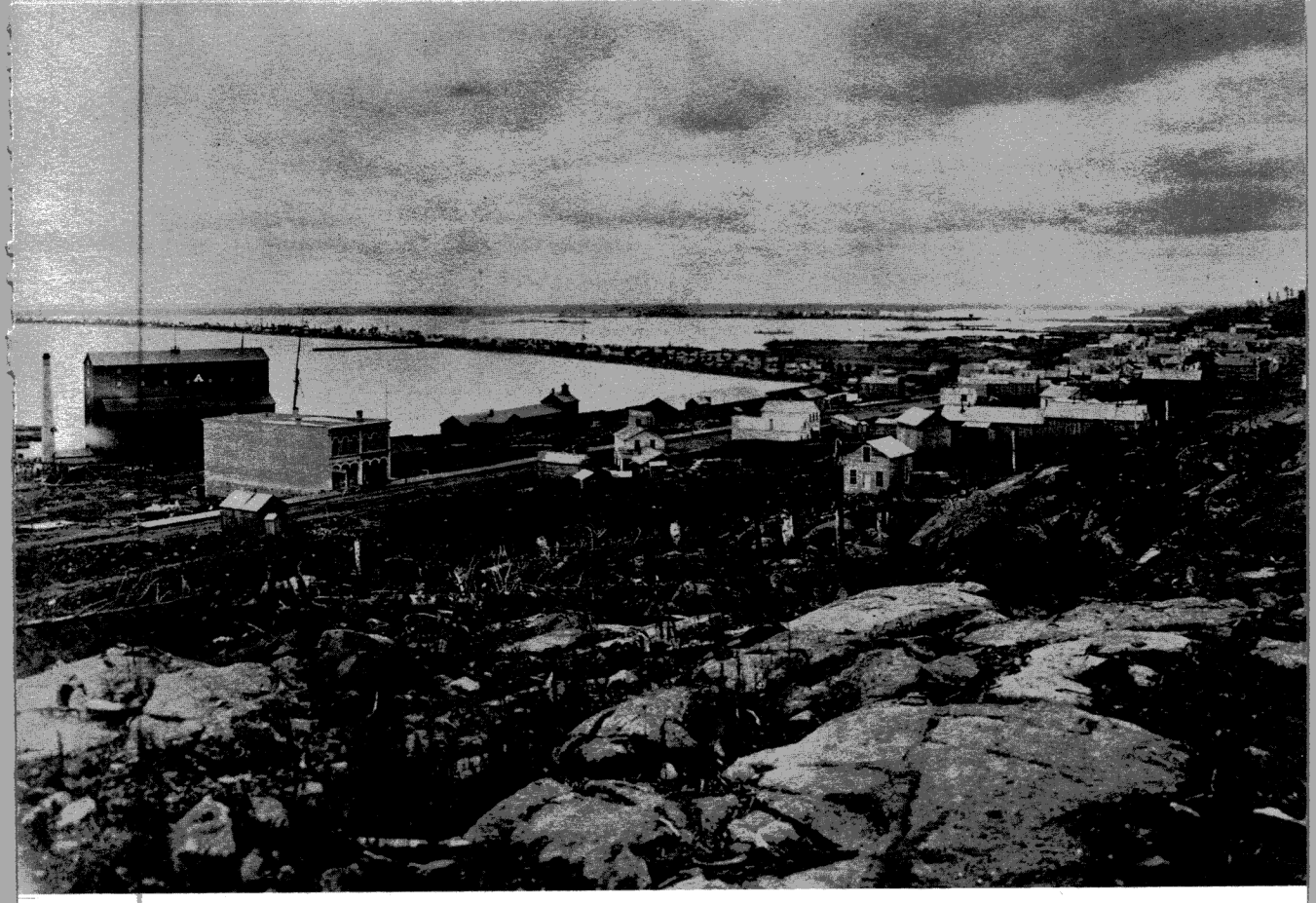



1870–Elevator A. Taken from about 4th Avenue East and 3rd Street

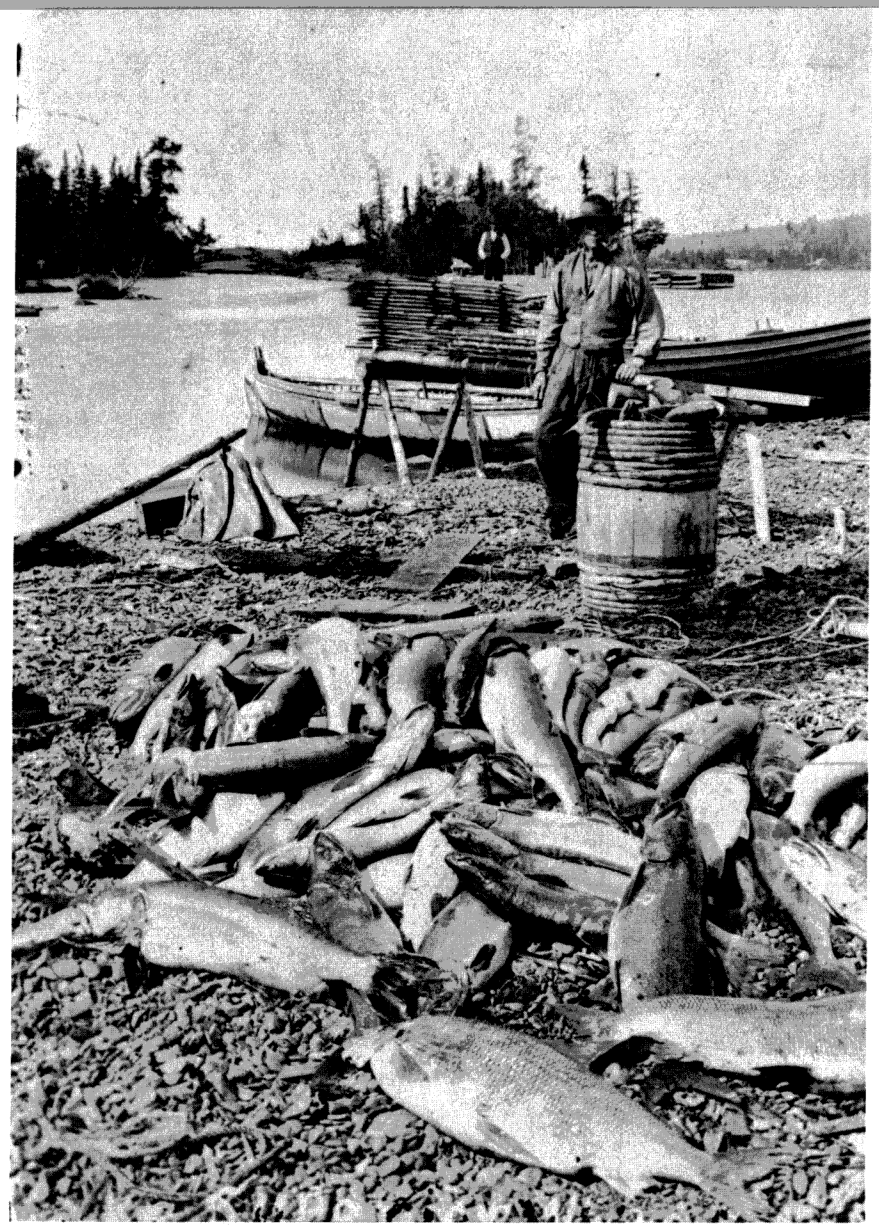
1870–Looking East on Superior Street from 1st Avenue West




1880's—Looking up 2nd Avenue West from the bayfront

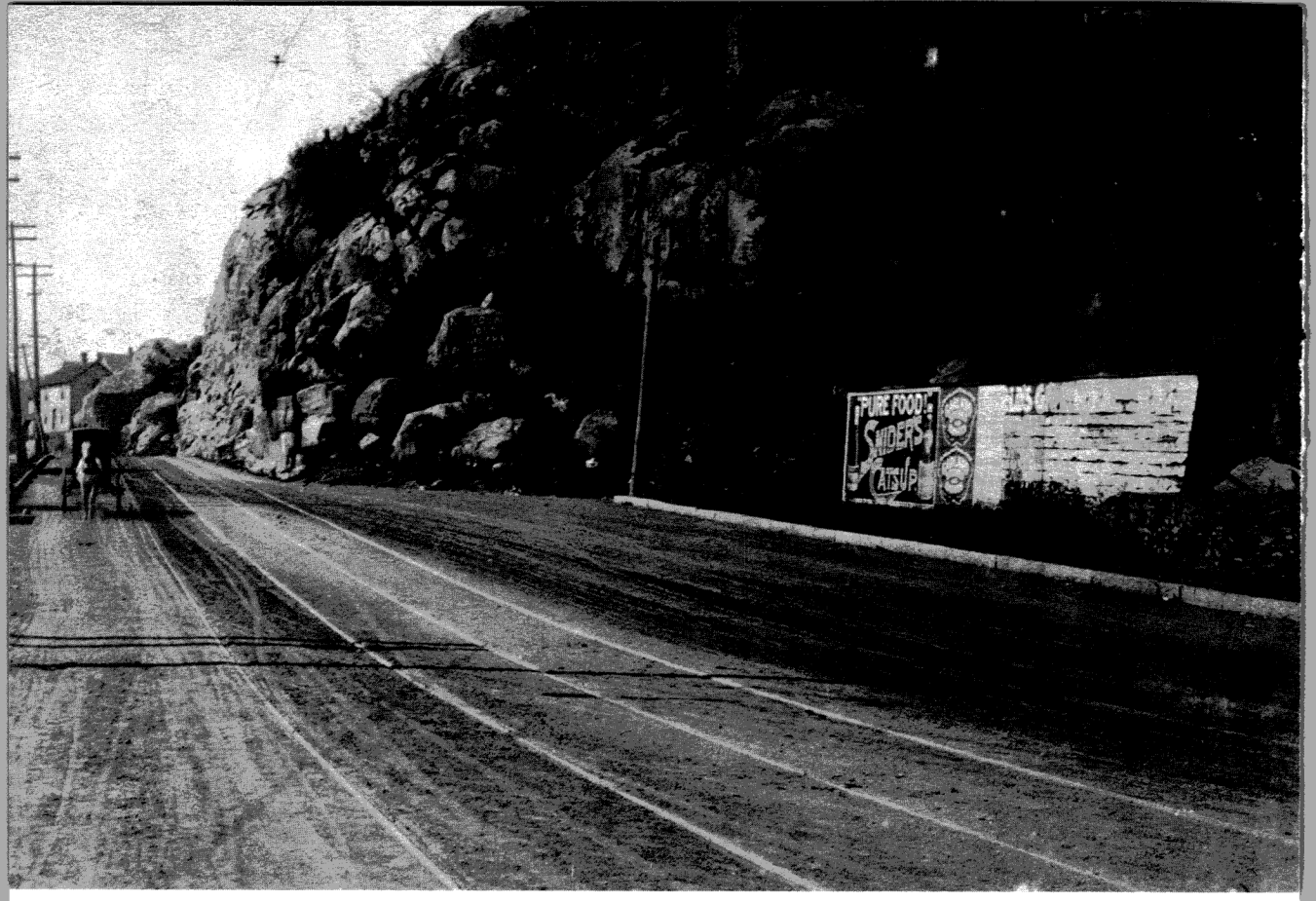


1871—Duluth's first brick building. It's still standing.



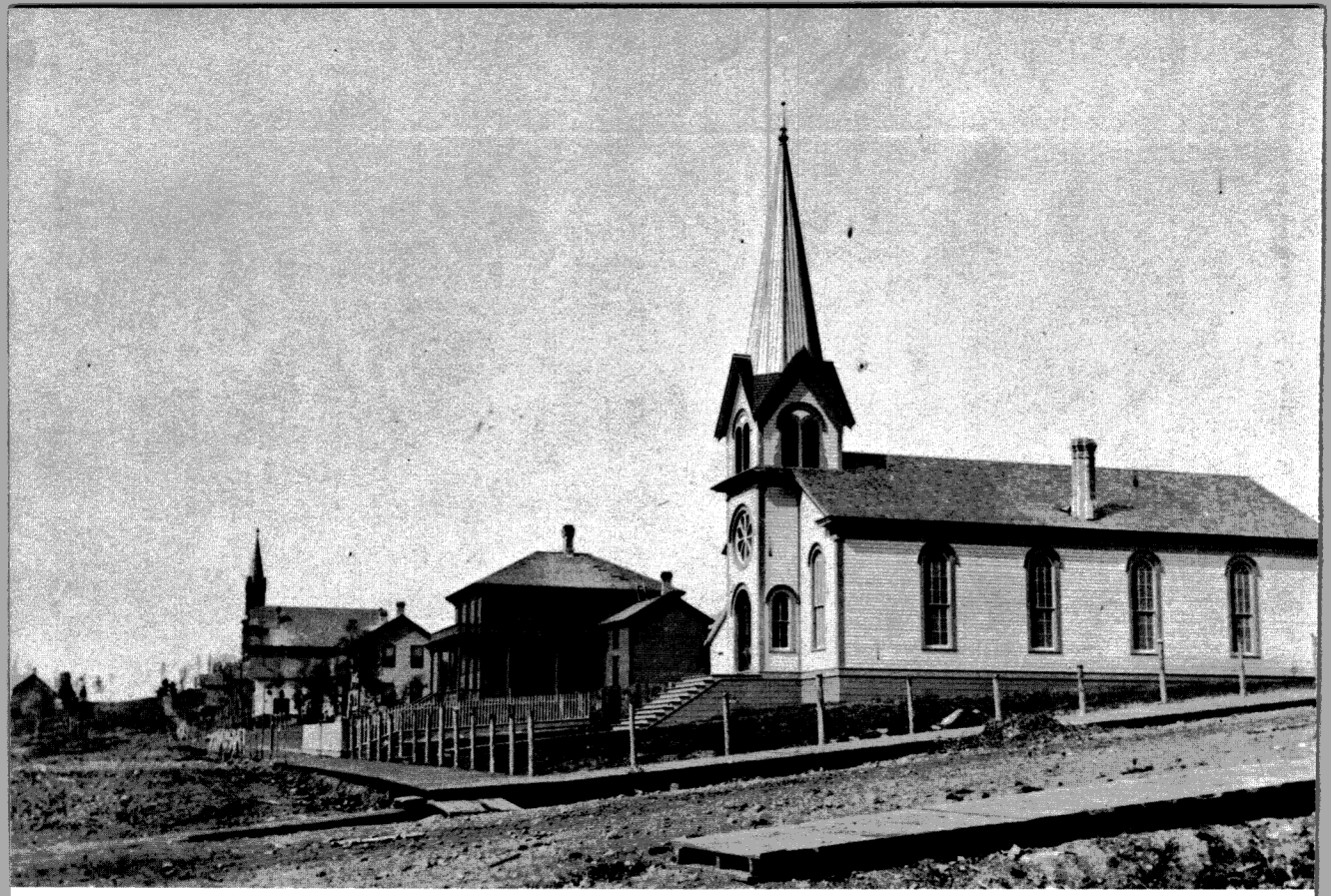
1870—A fine catch of lake trout and white fish

1880's–Stone Quarry at Fond du Lac




Superior Street and the Point of Rocks

1871—Duluth's first Memorial Day



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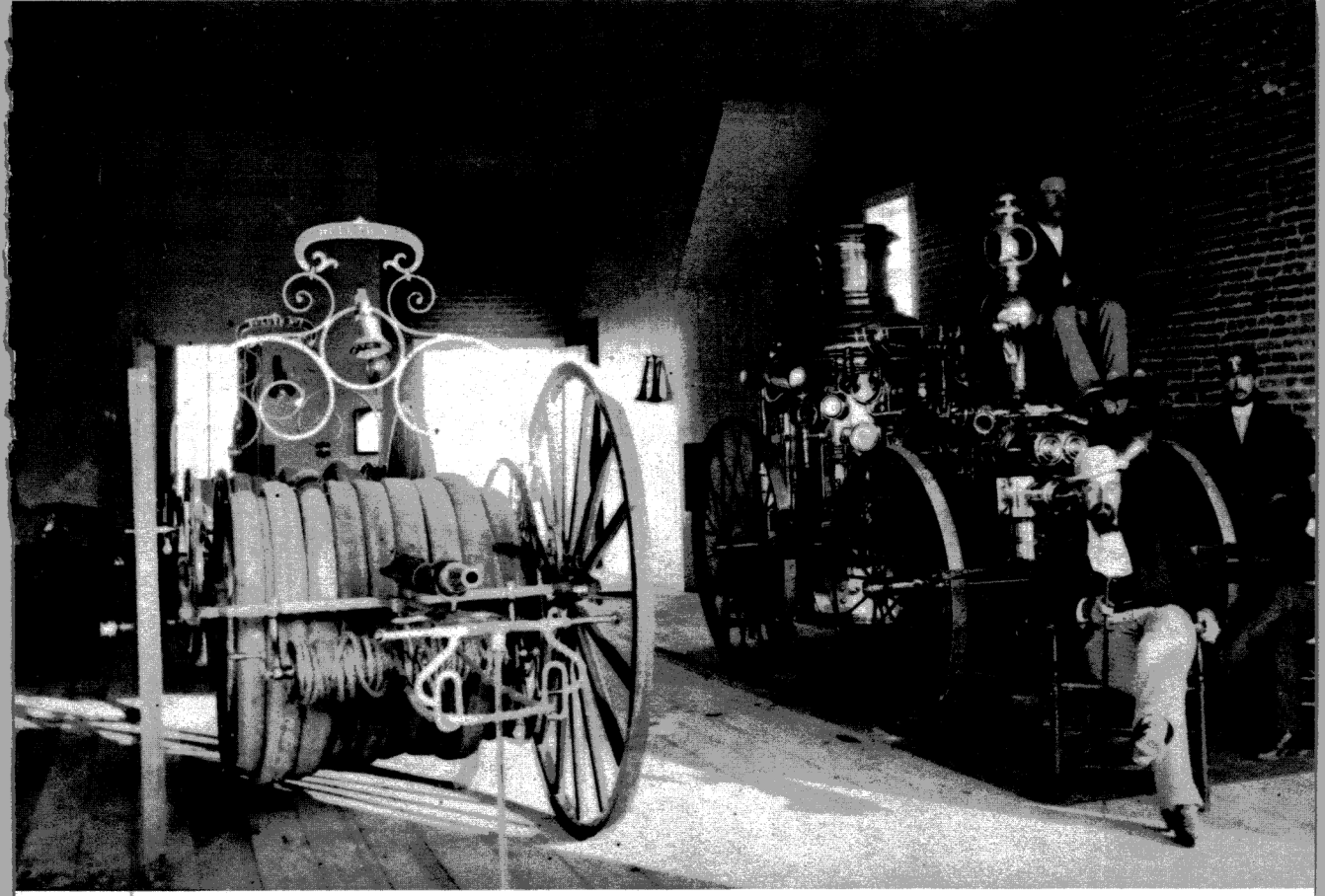
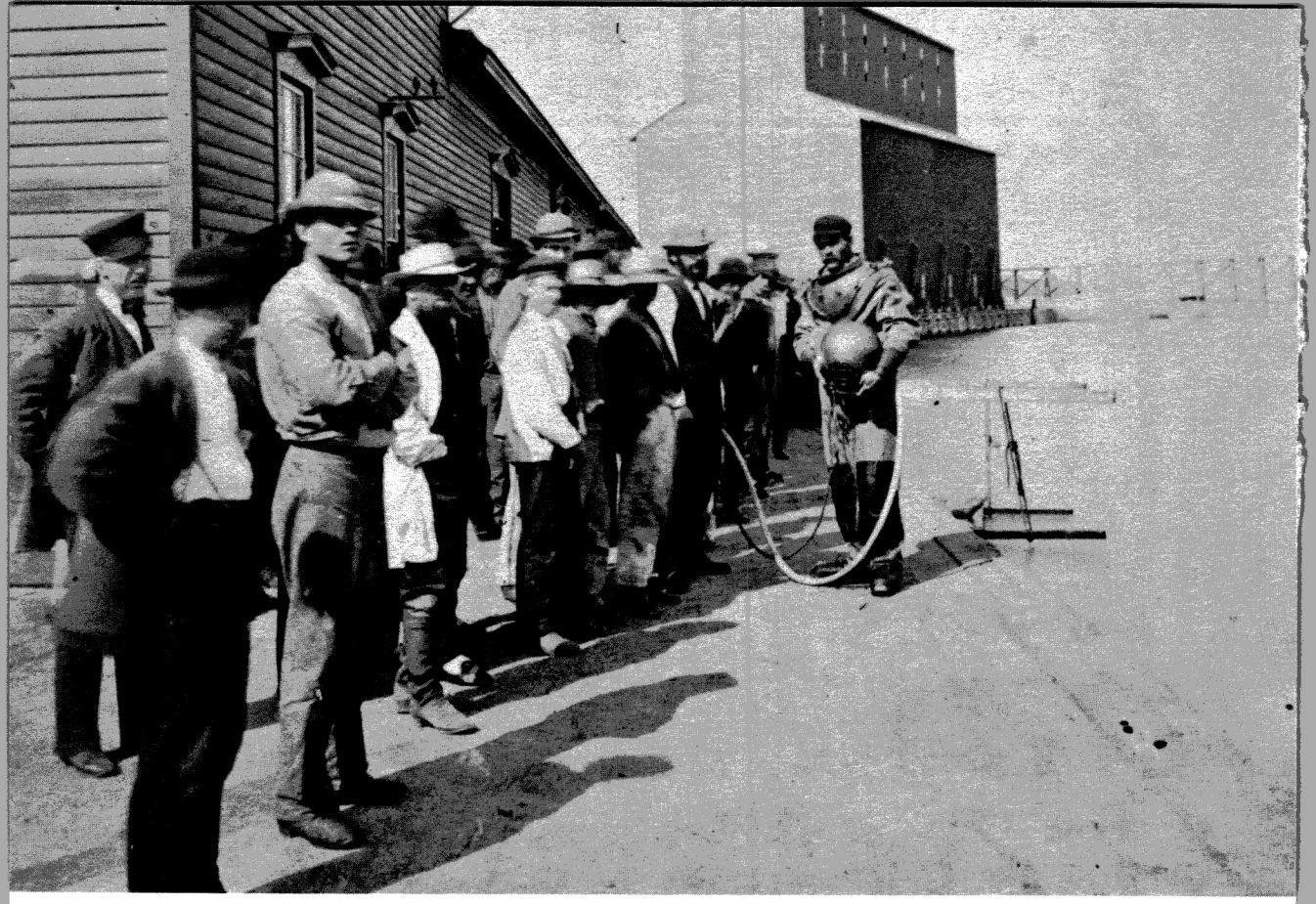
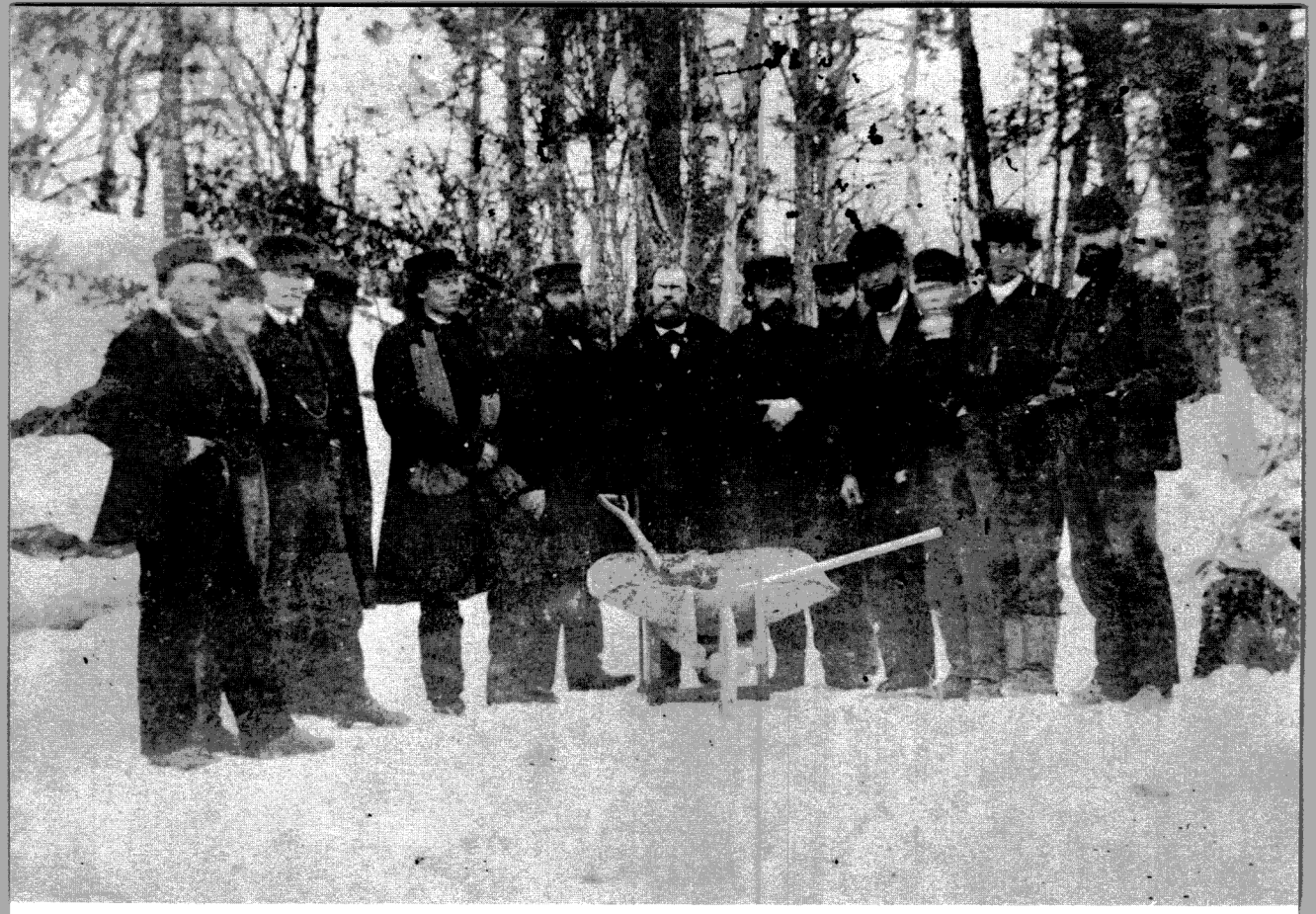


1870's–Interior of No. 1 Fire Hall

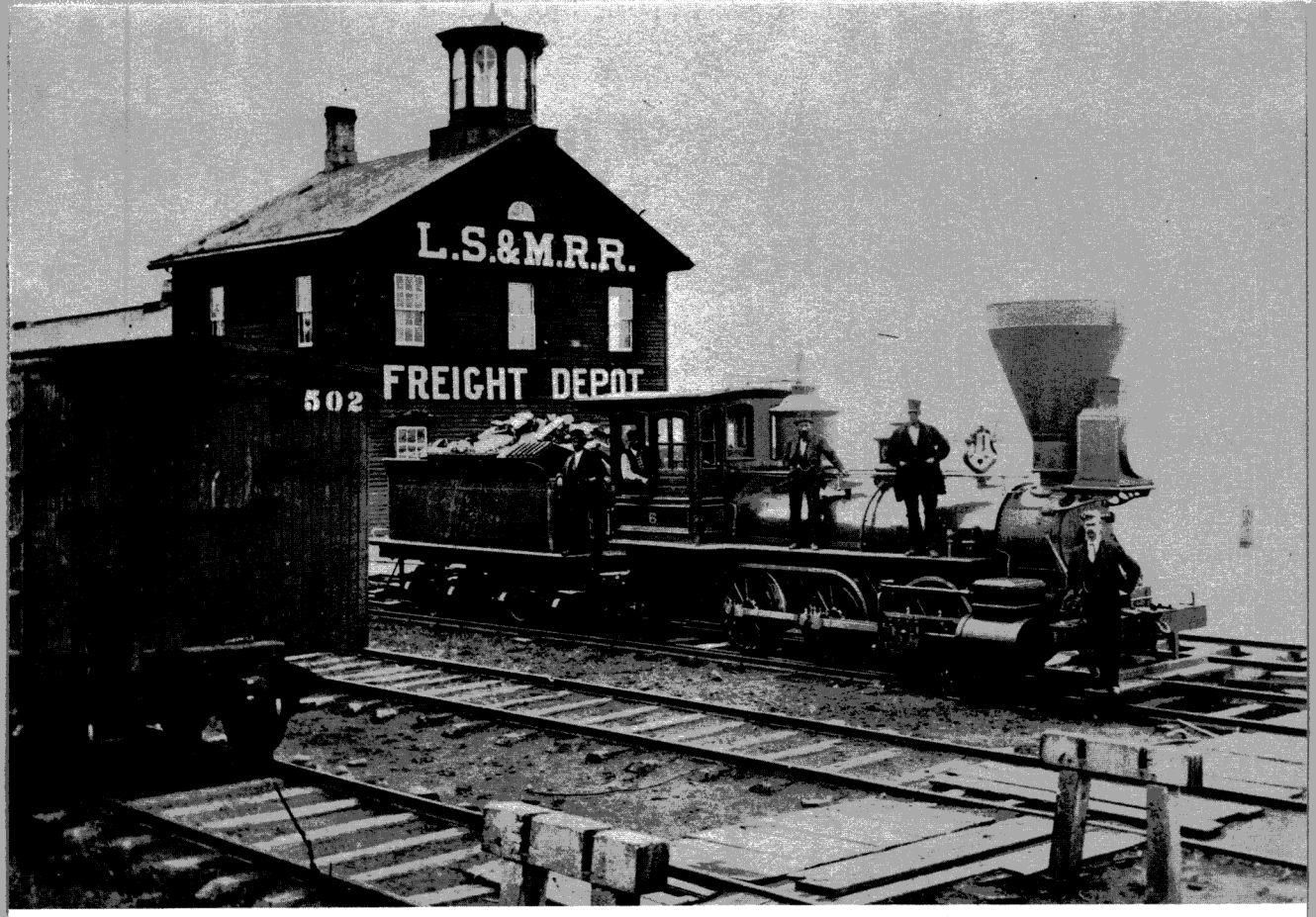


1870—Diver on Lake Superior & Mississippi freight dock

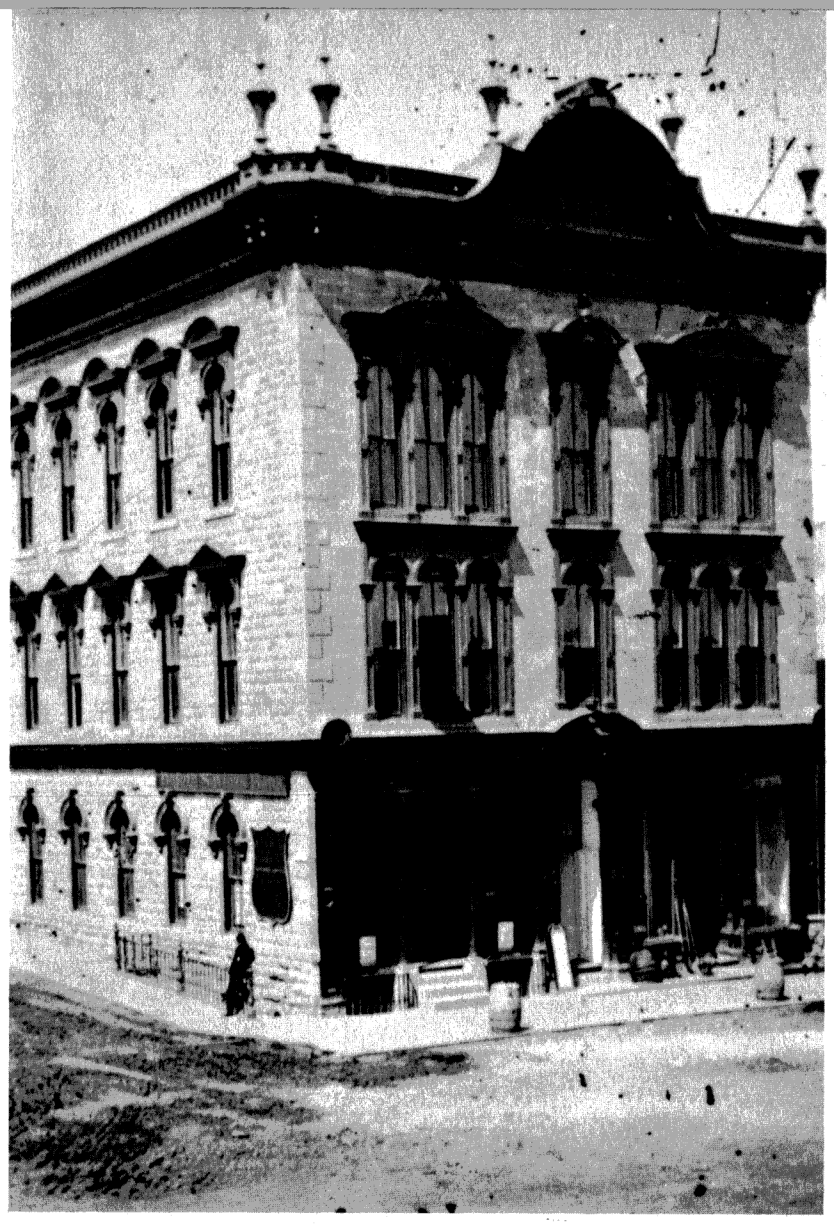
1880's—Rice's Point and Garfield Avenue



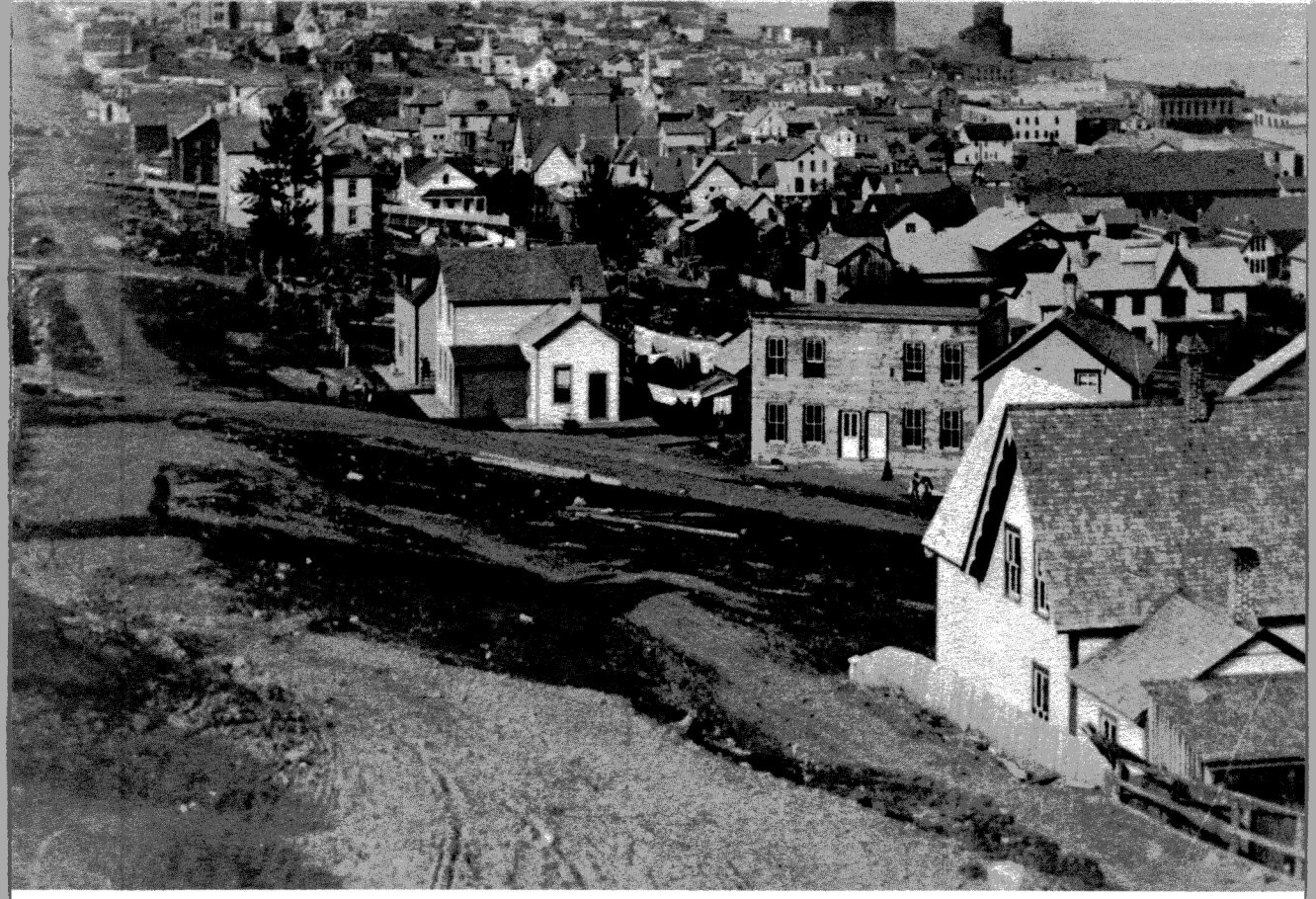
1870—Ceremony starting construction of the Northern Pacific at Carlton



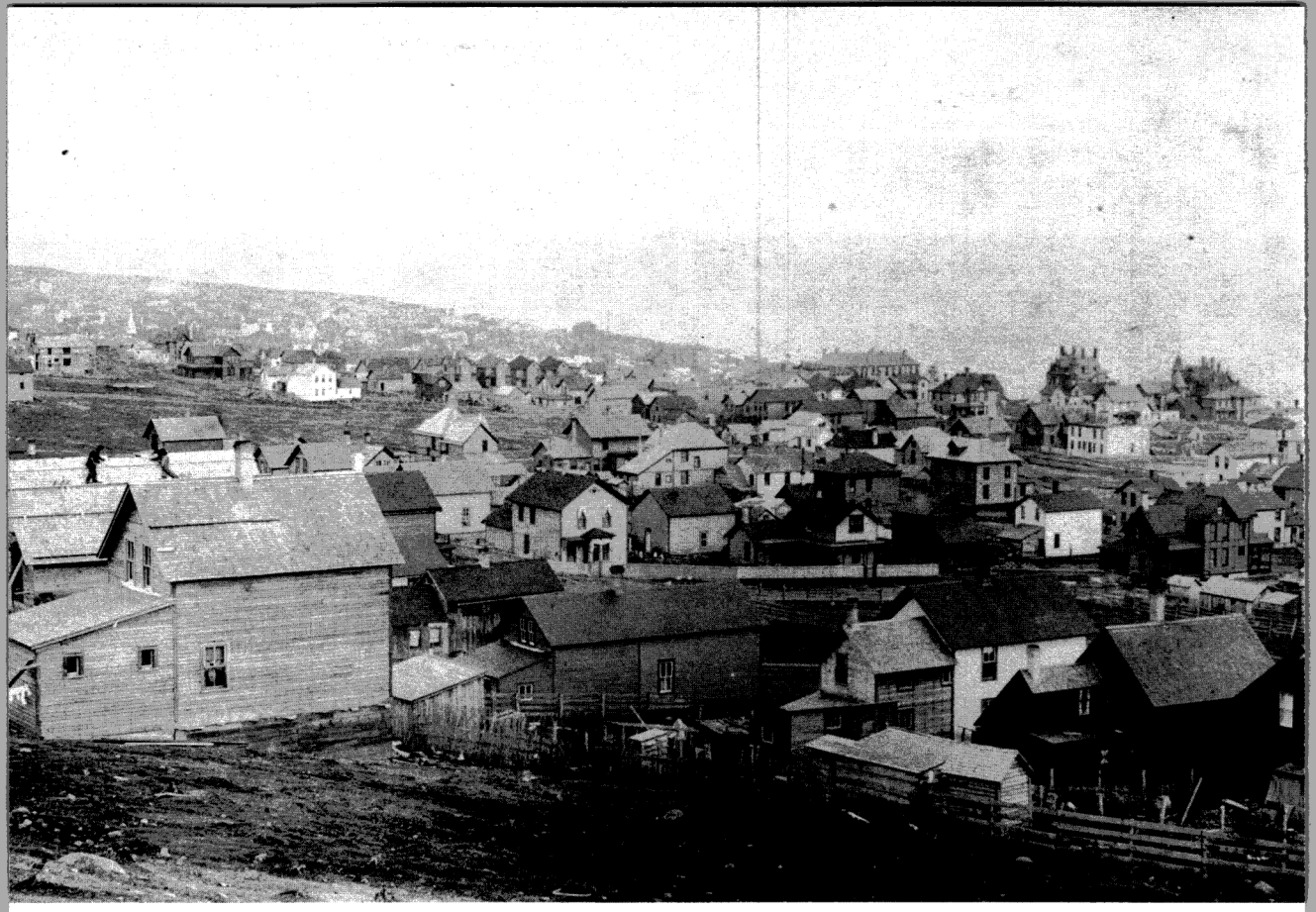

1880's–Wood burning locomotive. 4th Avenue East and Lakeshore



1880's — Hunter Block, 31 West Superior Street

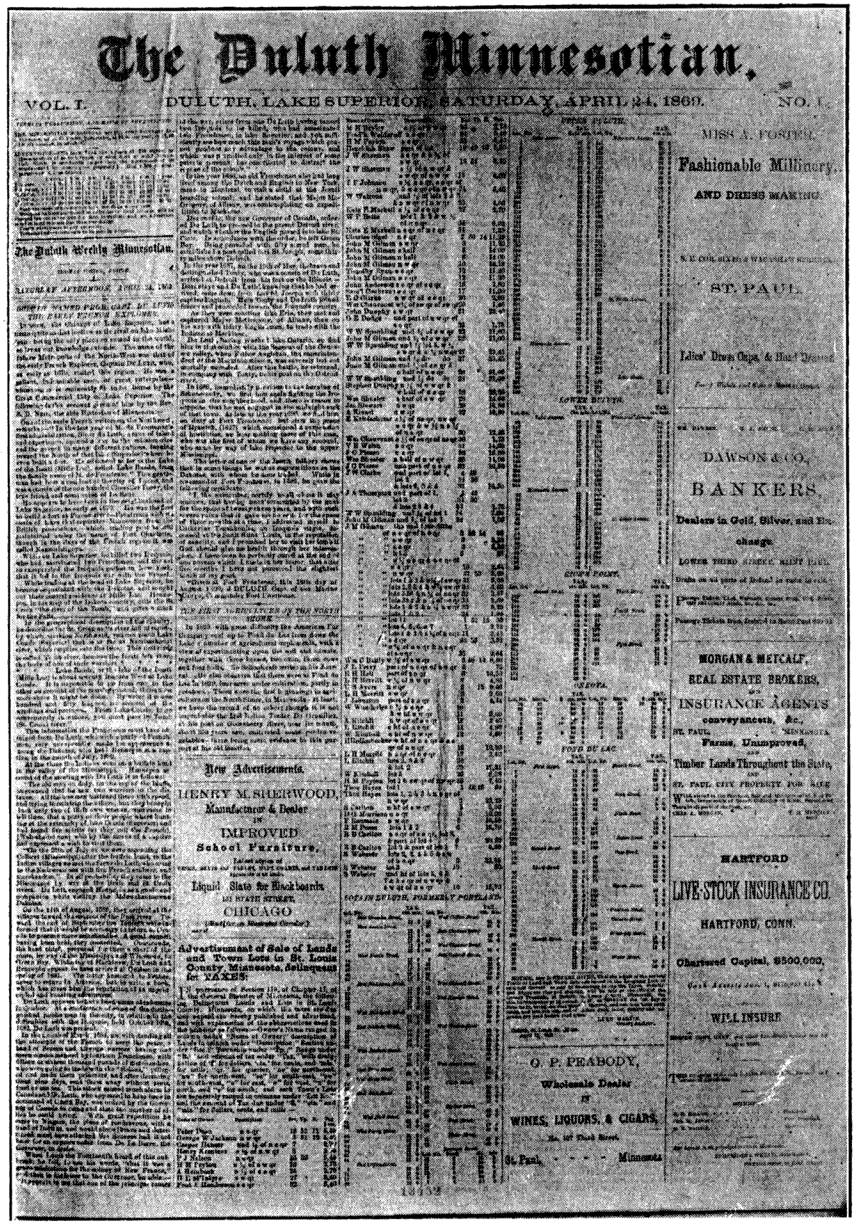


1880's—Third Street and Mesabi Avenue



1870—Duluth's East End

1870—Garfield Avenue



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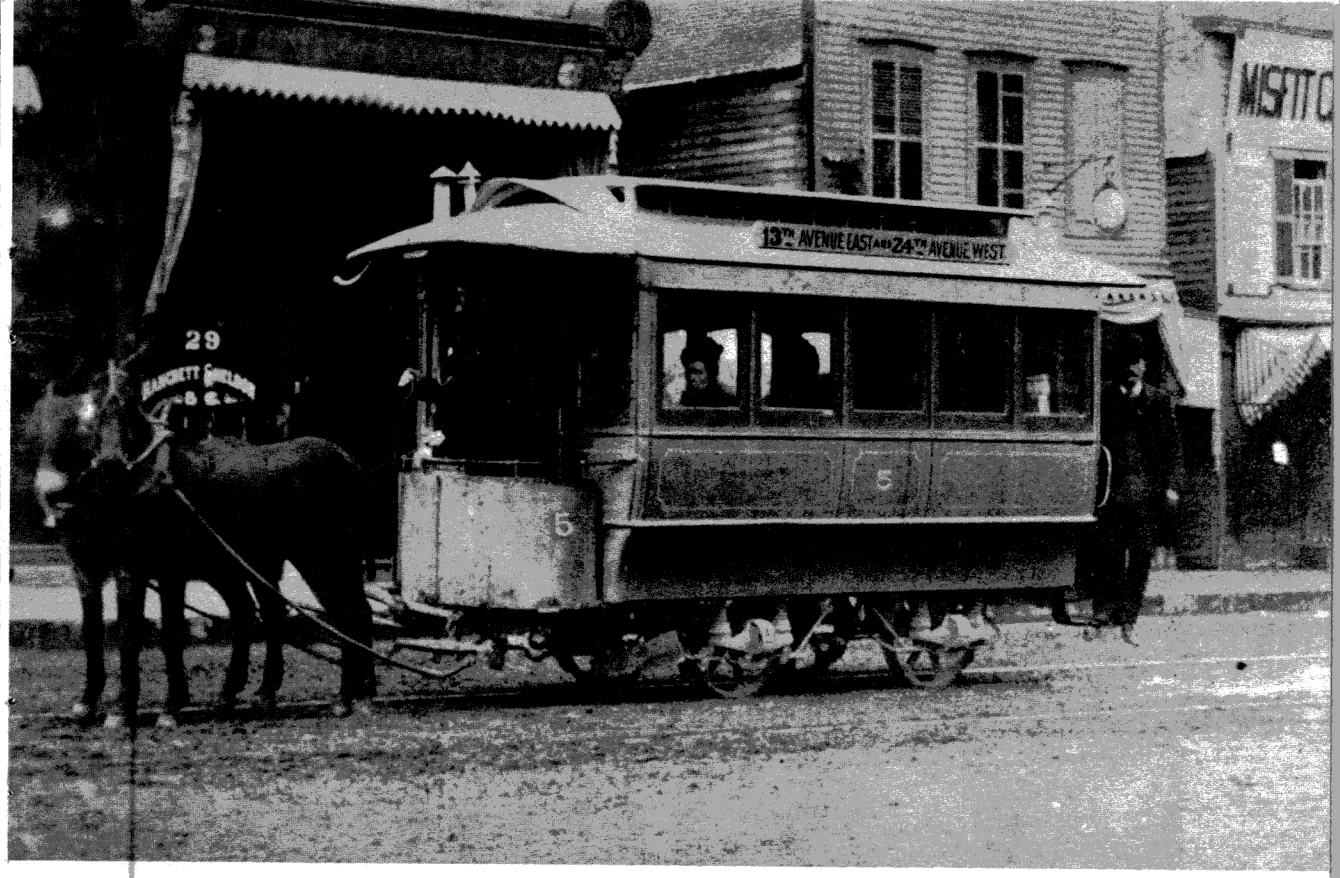
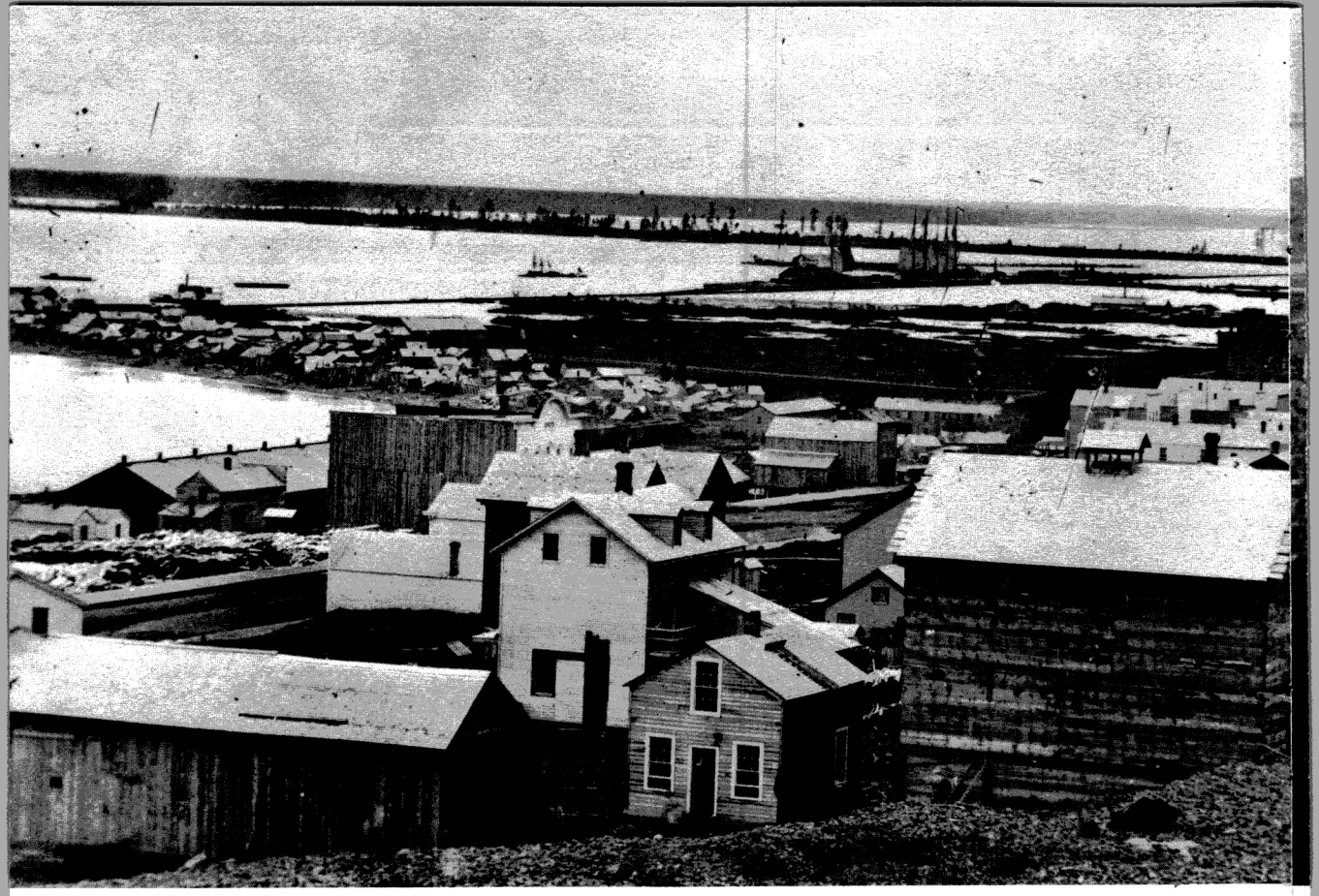
1869—First newspaper printed in Duluth




1880's–Mule drawn street car

1870's—L.S. & M. yards and warehouse. 4th Avenue East and Lakefront

1869—St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Lake Avenue and 2nd Street



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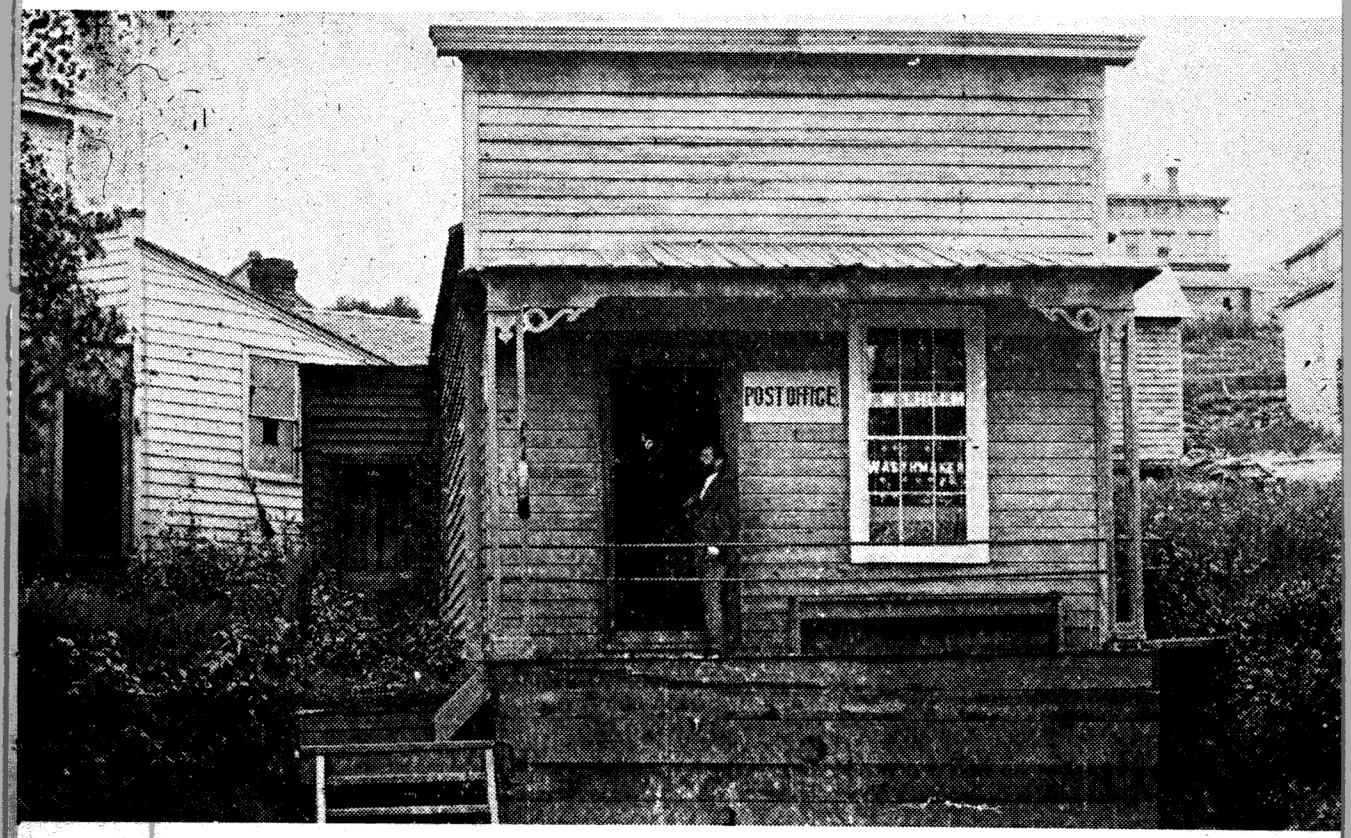


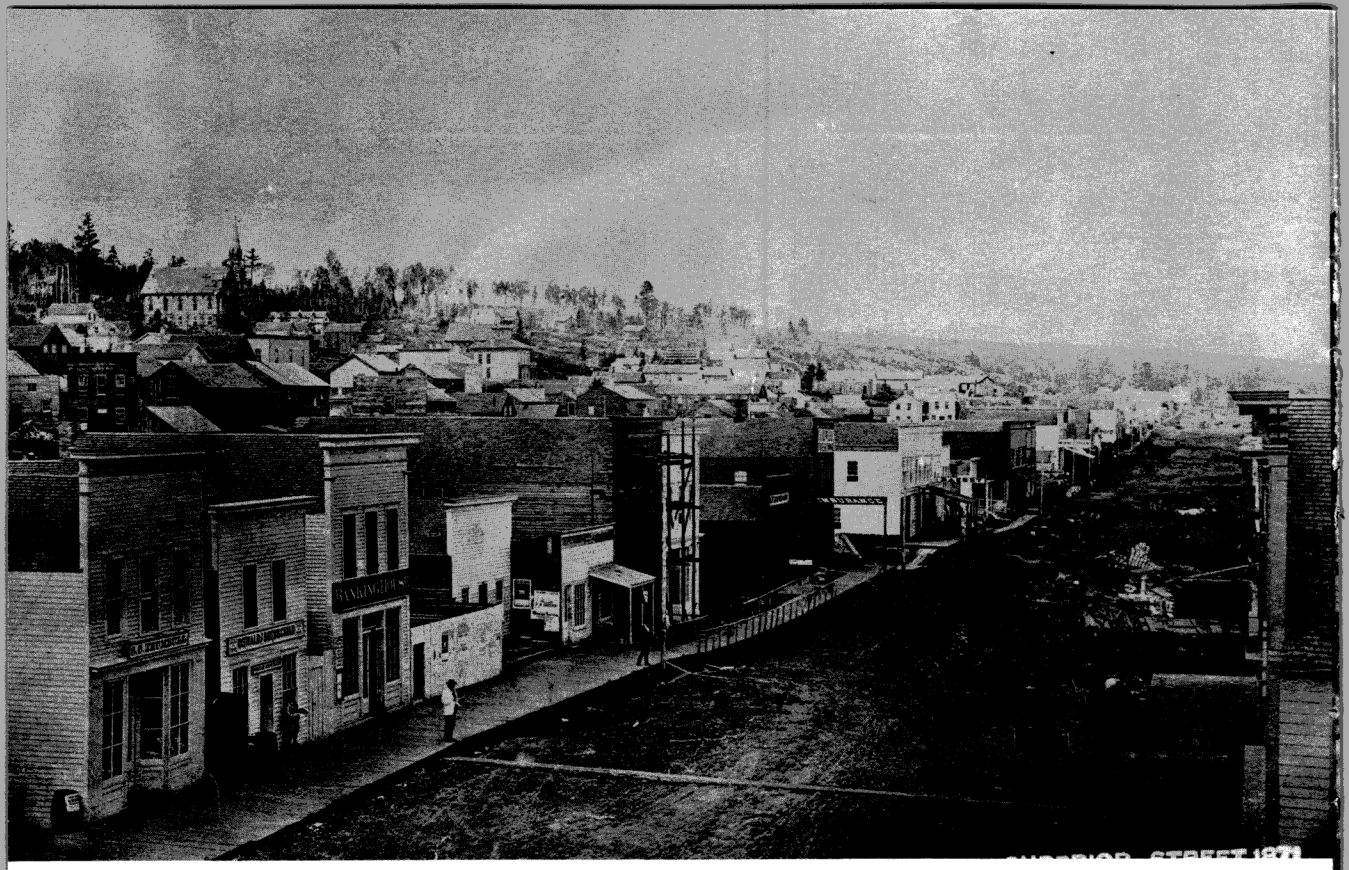

1868–The first Post Office of Duluth

1870–Fourth Avenue East

1880's–Lester Park Hotel. Corner 60th Avenue East and London Road

1870's–Immigrant House under construction

1880's–Coal dock with horse drawn buckets

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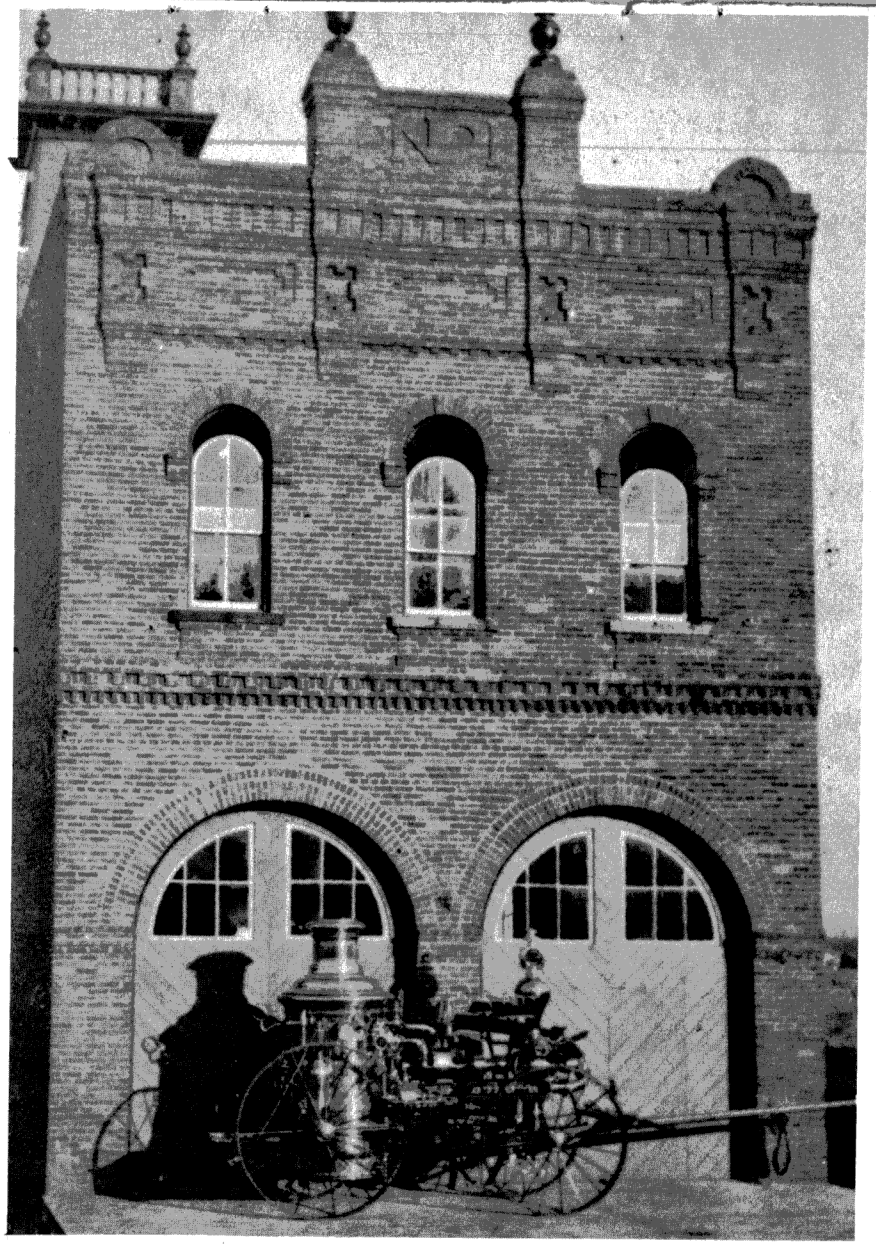
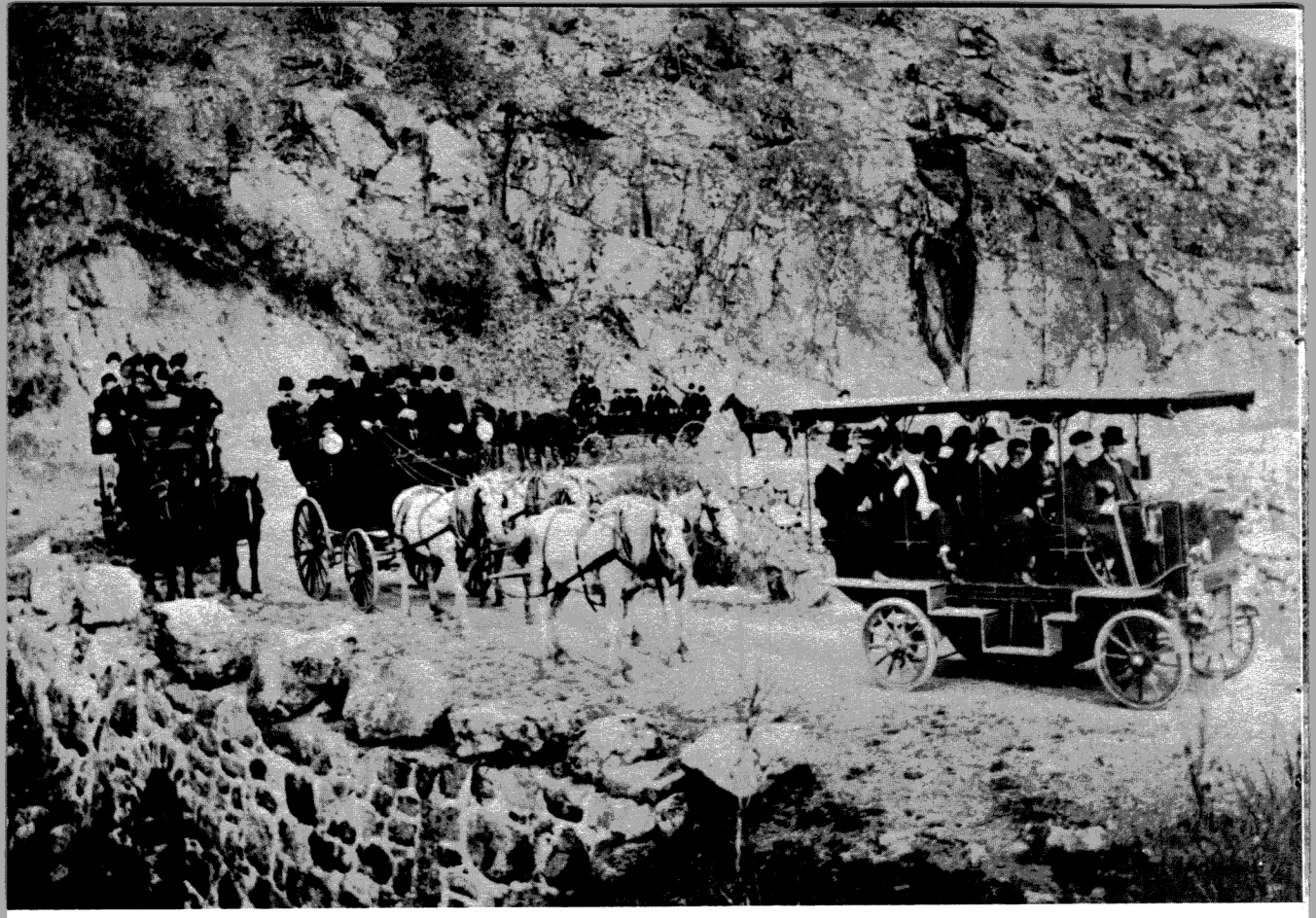
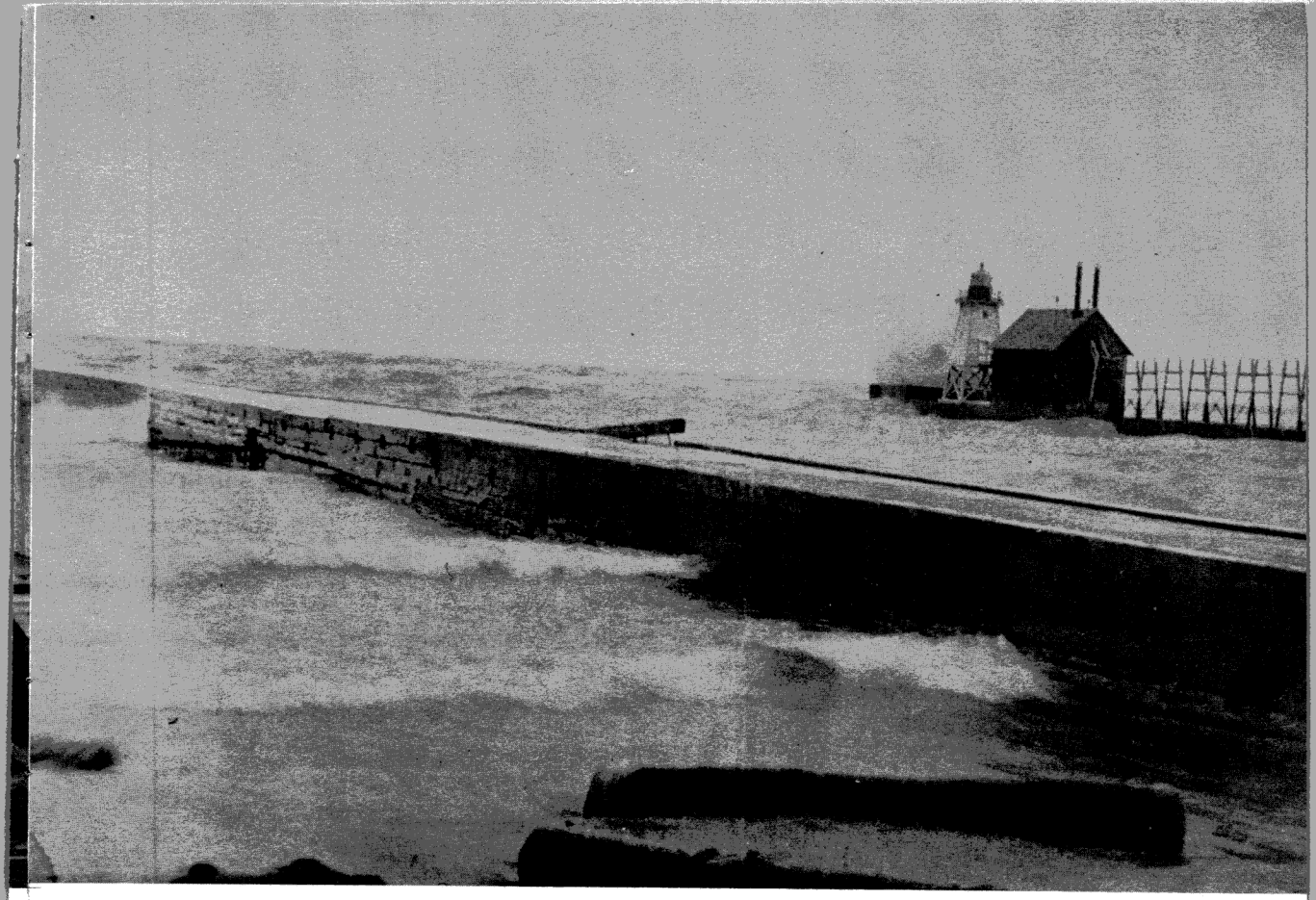


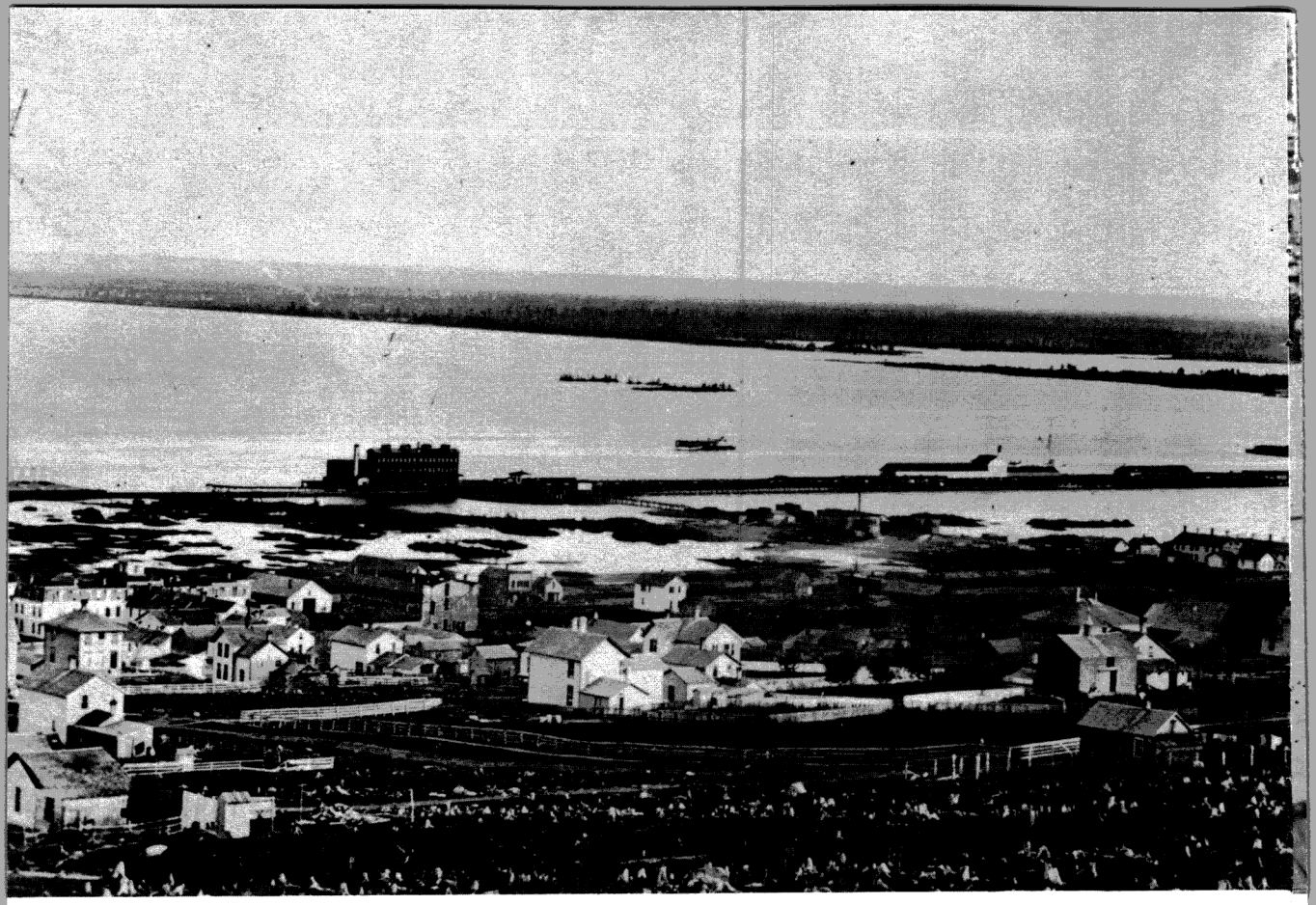
1870's–No. 1 Firehall at 2nd Avenue East and 3rd Street



Opening of Sky Line Drive in mid 1880's

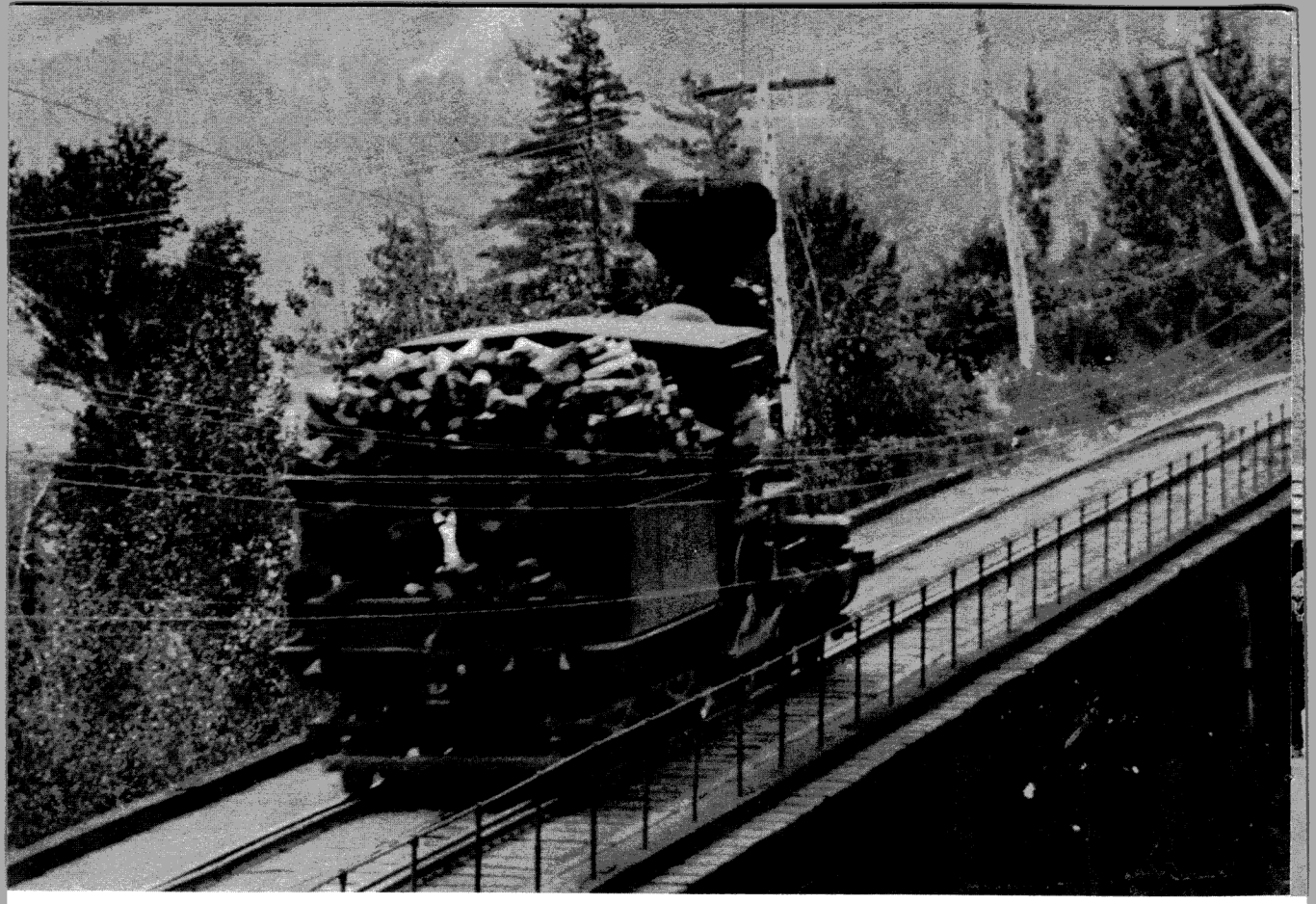


Ship Canal with wooden piers, completed in 1872



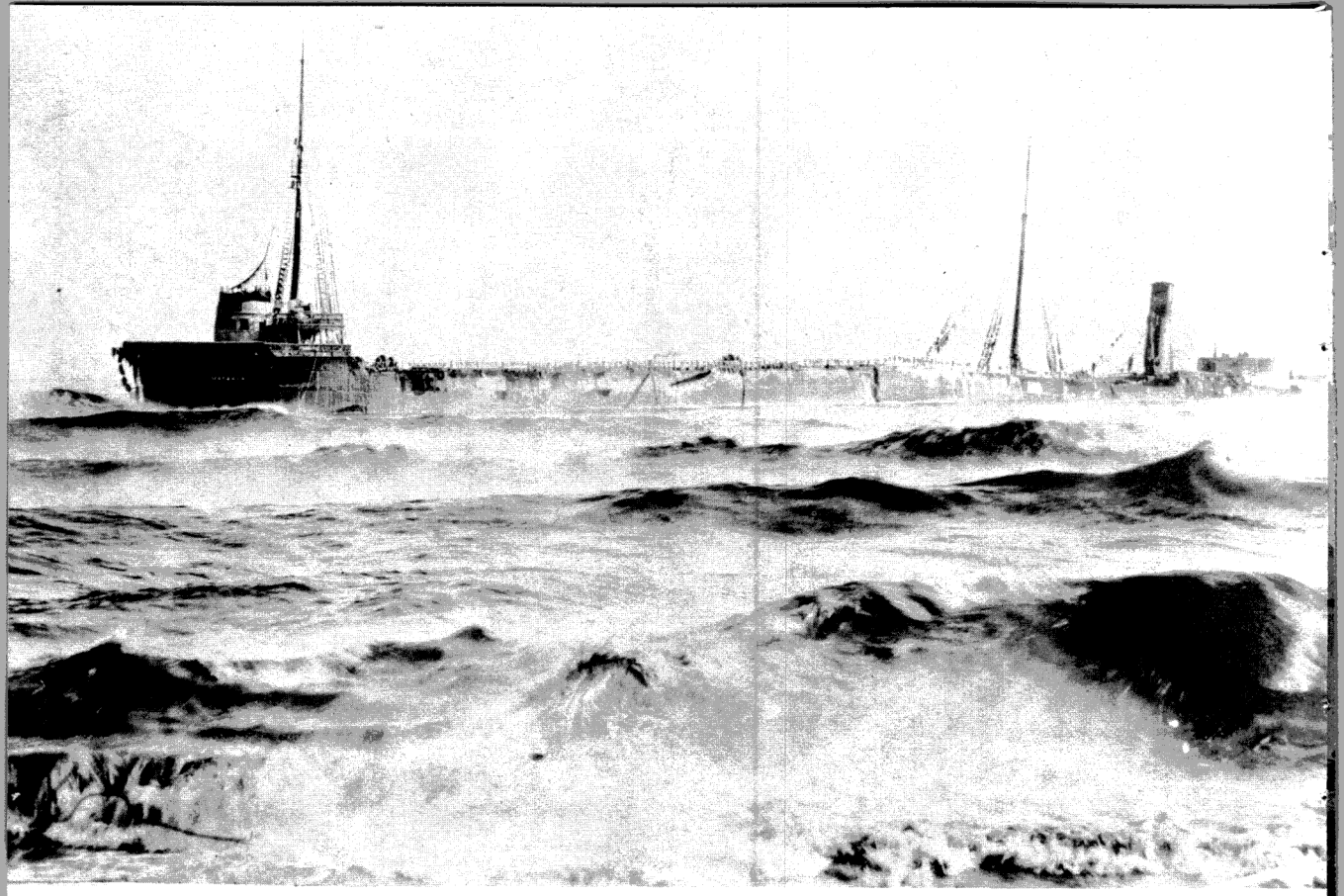
1875—Duluth Harbor between 1st Avenue West and Garfield Avenue

1880's–Superior Street. East from 1st Avenue West



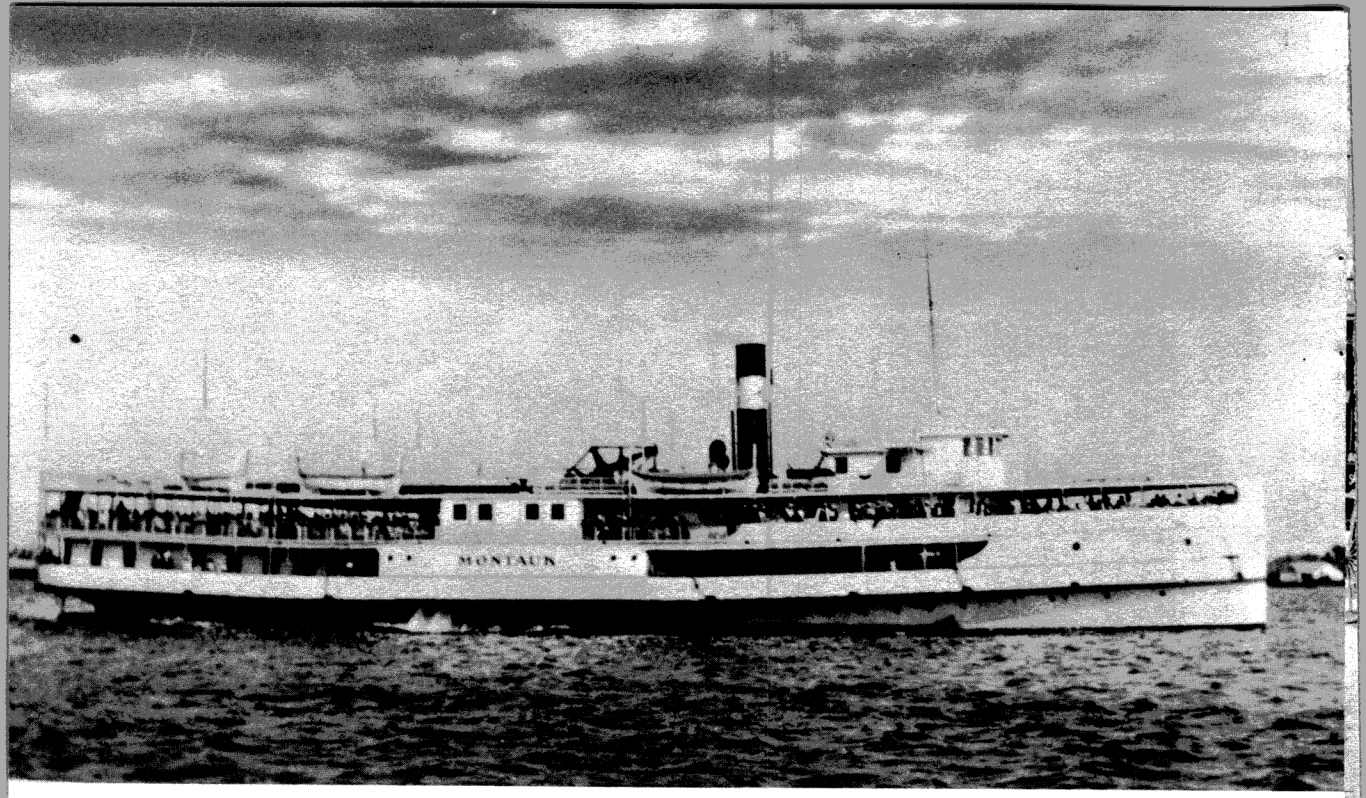
1870's–Woodburning L.S. & M. locomotive on way to Fond du Lac

Aerial bridge as it was from 1904 until 1929

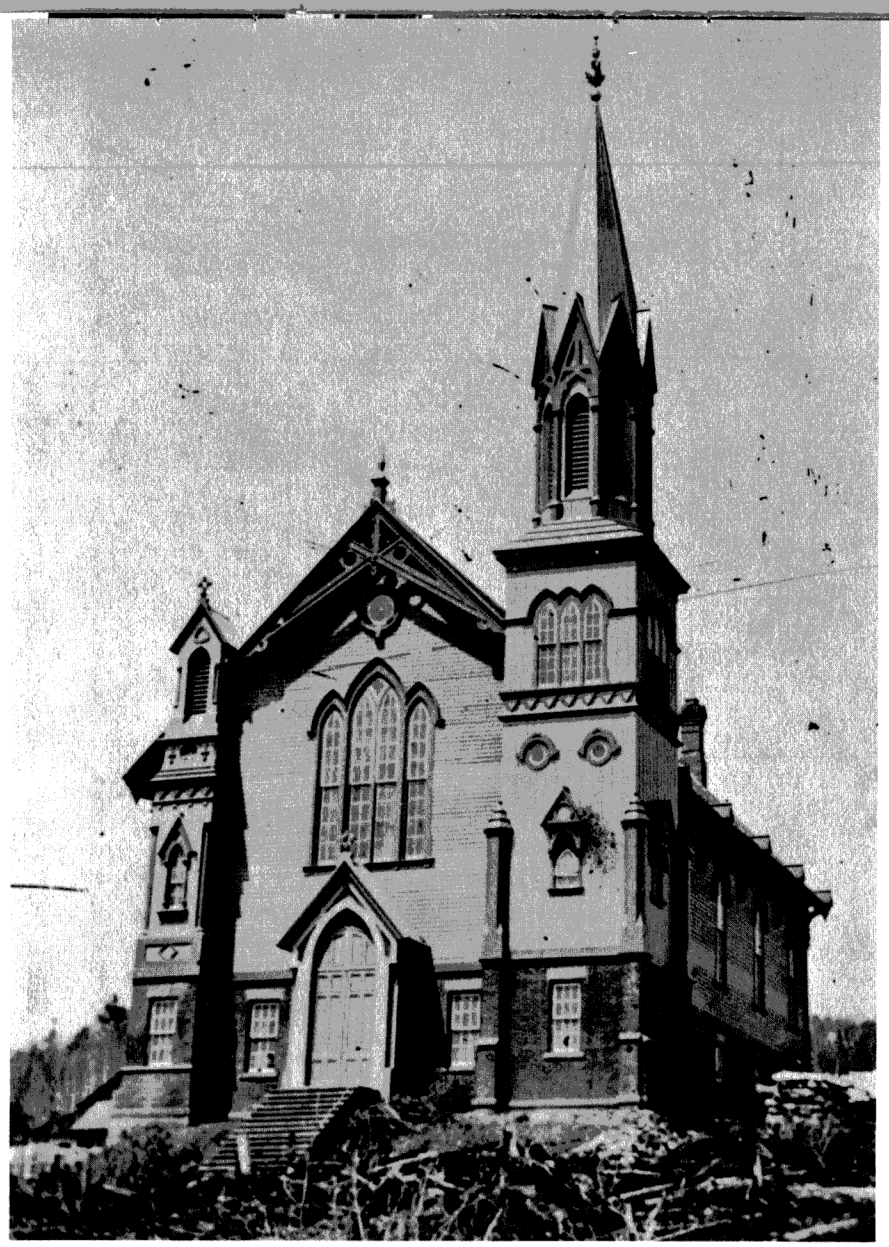


"Mataafa" broke in two amidships near Ship Canal on November 5, 1905. 9 lives lost

1870—Back of Clark House




The excursion boat "Montank" (built in 1890) was popular from 1924 to 1938

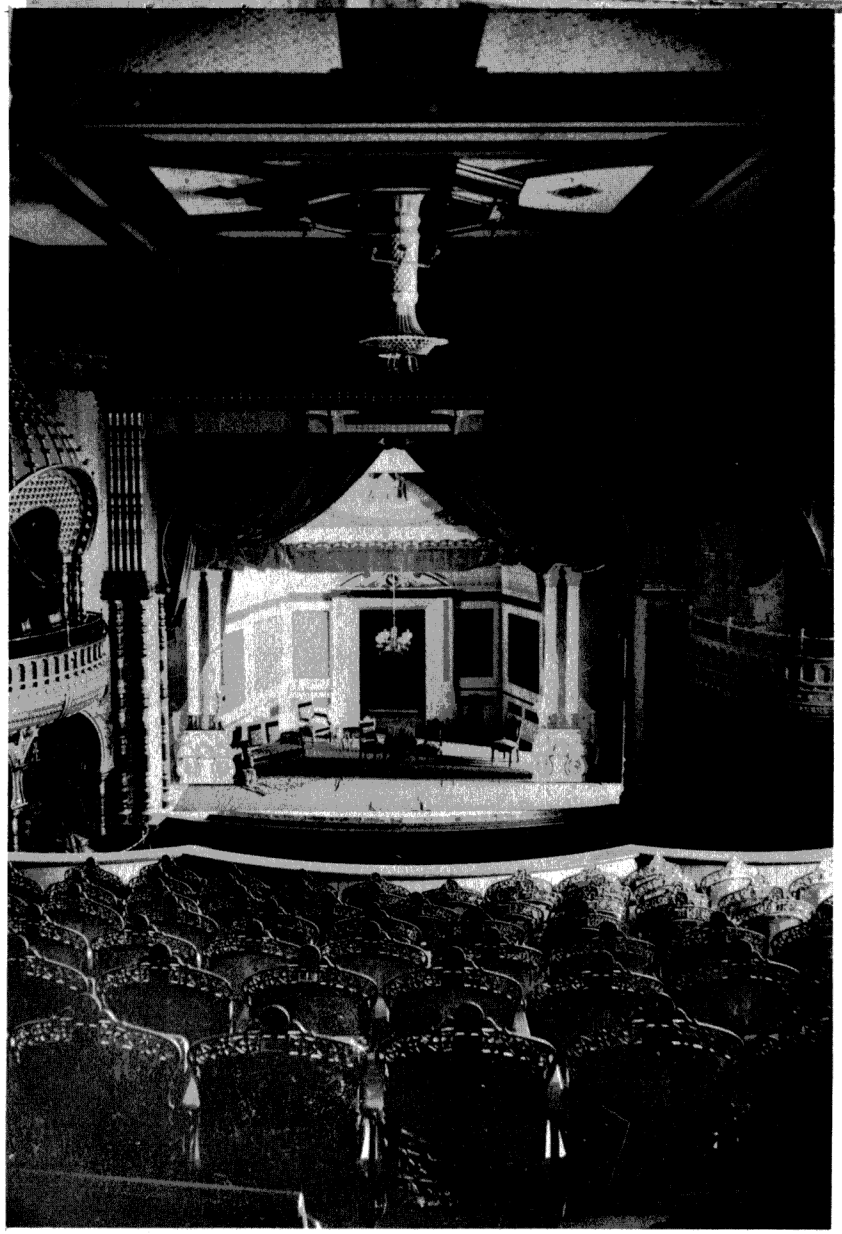


1871–First Presbyterian Church. 3rd Avenue East and 2nd Street

July 1, 1901—laying of the corner stone at the Public Library

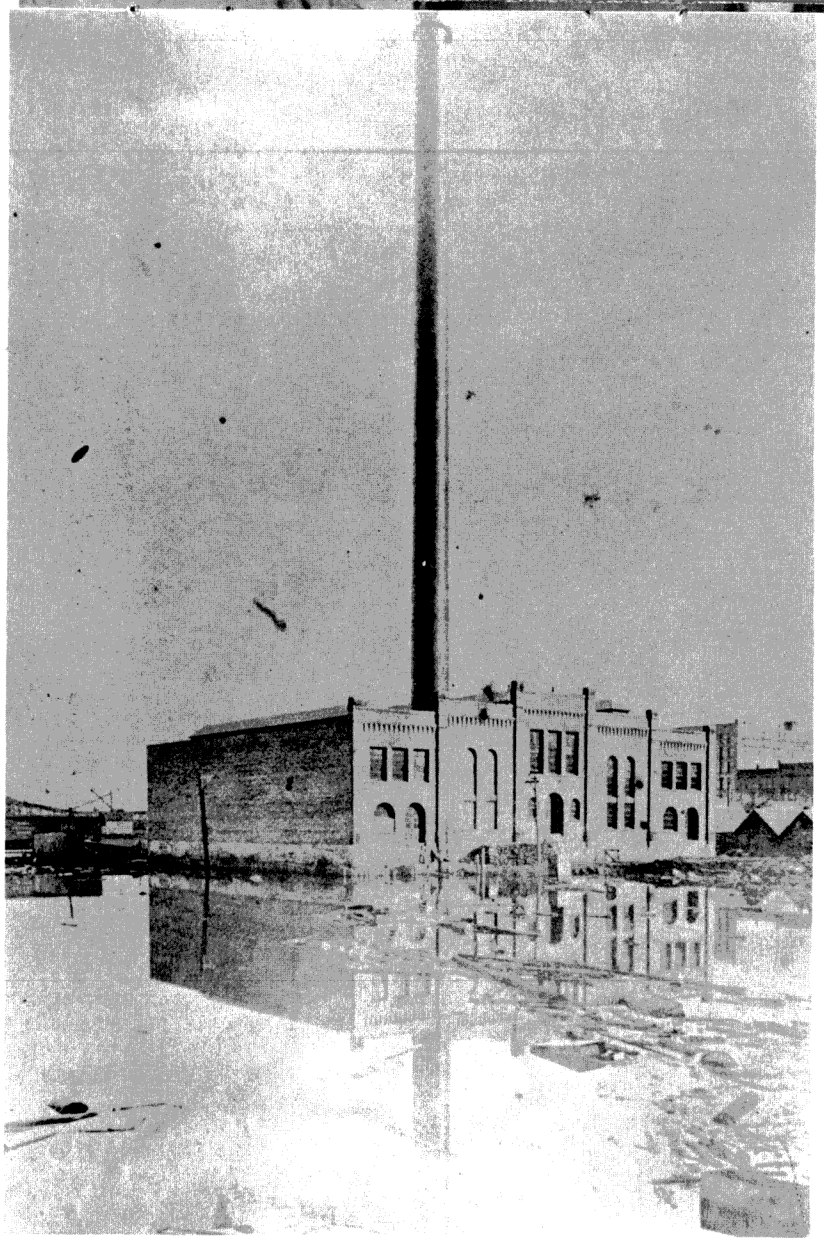
The street maintainance crew on Superior Street between Lake Avenue and 1st Avenue West

1870's—Jay Cooke addressing a meeting in the Clark House



1870–Interior of Grand Opera House

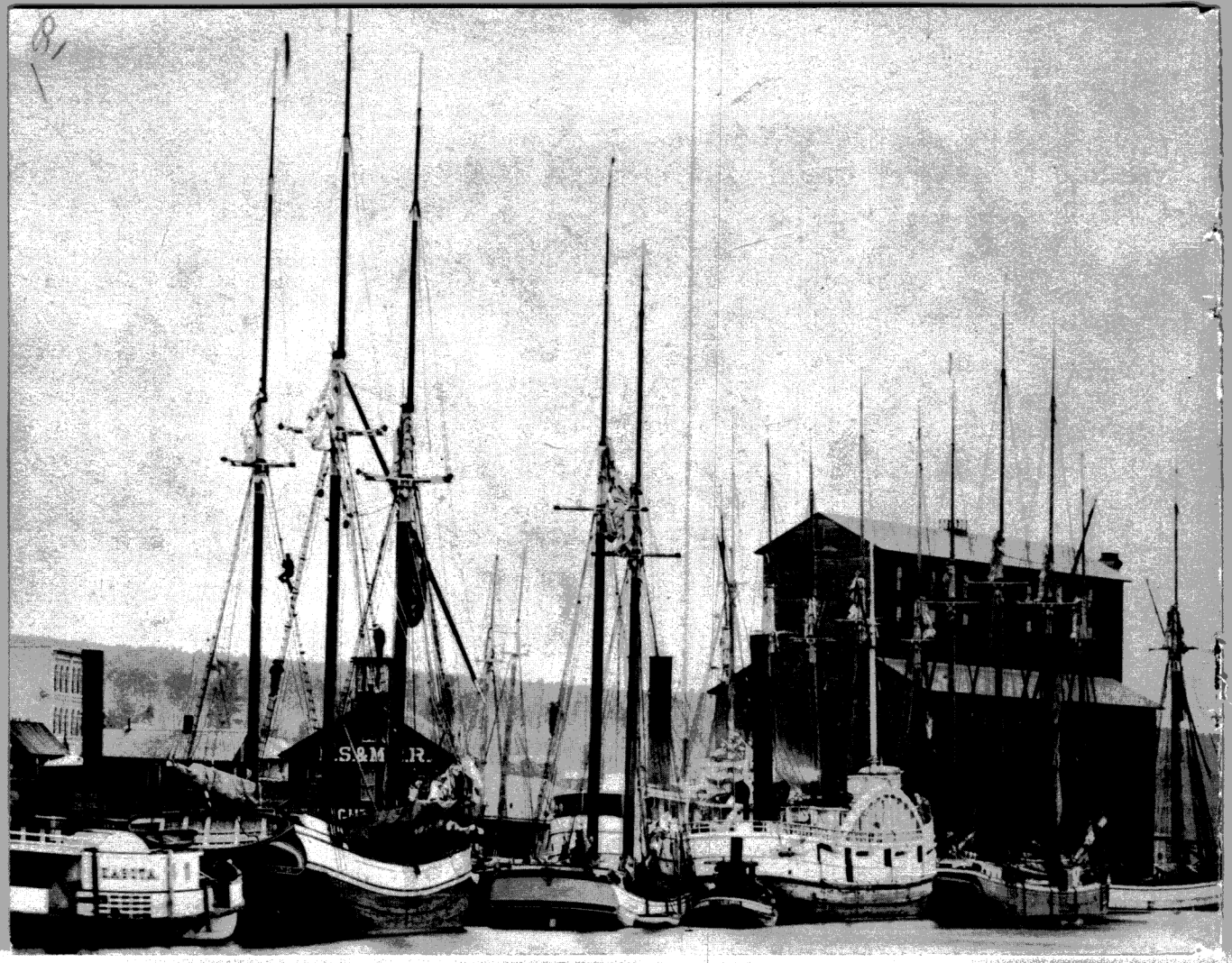
Fire fighting street car on Minnesota Point—1920's



Hartman Electric Plant—1893, at the foot of 4th Avenue West (Note the water debris)

1869–Minnesota Point from Lake Avenue and 2nd Street

Fire Department Headquarters about 1890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